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Revenue from property registration hits a new high in State

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BENGALURU

After two years of pandemic-induced lull, the real estate sector seems have bounced back with a bang in Karnataka. Revenue collected in the first quarter of the current fiscal year 2022-23 has not only gone back to pre-pandemic levels, but is also the highest ever in the State. This, despite a 10% rebate on guidance value for most parts of the quarter.

The State saw 6.75 lakh documents registered during April-June, 2022, and a revenue of ₹3,897 crore collected, as against a State government-set target of ₹2,962.73 crore that has been overshot by ₹934.27 crore, data from Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps (IGR & CS) shows.

Guidance value factor

This clearly surpasses the first quarter of 2019-20, the year before pandemic, when the State collected ₹2,744.99 crore from property registrations. With the last guidance value revision – a hike in the range of 5% to 25% – carried out in January 2019, and a rebate of 10% on that guidance value in place during the first quarter of 2022-23, it has outperformed pre-pandemic levels too.

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Boris Johnson resigns as PM, political drama ends in Britain

Rishi Sunak, Ben Wallace, Liz Truss among contenders for the top post

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LONDON

Boris Johnson resigned on Thursday as leader of Britain's Conservative party, paving the way for the selection of a new Prime Minister after dozens of Ministers quit his government over 48 hours of frenzied political drama.

"It is clearly the will of the parliamentary Conservative party that there should be a new leader of that party, and therefore a new Prime Minister," Mr. Johnson said outside 10 Downing Street.

The timetable for a Tory leadership race will be announced next week, he said, after three tumultuous years in office defined by Brexit, the COVID pandemic and non-stop controversy over his reputation for mendacity. In the latest, party colleague Chris Pincher had to resign as Deputy Chief Whip last week over allegations of sexual misconduct.

Curtains down: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson leaving after making a statement in front of 10 Downing Street in London on Thursday. • AFP

'Best job in the world'

Mr. Johnson, 58, said he would stay on as Prime Minister until a replacement is found.

He had fought hard against a Cabinet revolt and said he was "sad... to be giving up the best job in the world", justifying fighting on the mandate he won in a Brexit-dominated general election in December 2019.

"And let me say now, to the people of Ukraine, that I know that we in the U.K. will continue to back your fight for freedom for as long as it takes," he added in his six-minute address.

Ukraine's presidency thanked Mr. Johnson for his support in "the hardest times".

Mr. Johnson's few remaining allies in the Tory party in the final hours to deliver stood adjacent alongside wife Carrie, carrying their baby daughter Romy.

The Conservative leadership election will take place over the summer and the victor will replace Mr. Johnson by the party's annual conference in early October, the BBC and others reported.

Defence Minister Ben Wallace and Indian-origin Rishi Sunak, whose departure as Finance Minister on Tuesday sparked the Cabinet exodus, were among the early frontrunners to succeed Mr. Johnson, according to a YouGov survey of Conservative party members.

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, another potential contender, said Mr. Johnson had "made the right decision" as she cut short a trip to Indonesia for a G-20 meeting. "We need calmness and unity now and to keep governing while a new leader is found," she tweeted.

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In Bali meeting with Wang, Jaishankar raises LAC issues

Amid talks, India, China spar over Dalai Lama birthday

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ANANTH KRISHNAN
NEW DELHI/BEIJING

Three months after they met in New Delhi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor Wang Yi held talks on the sidelines of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Bali on Thursday. While the talks that lasted an hour appeared to be cordial, New Delhi and Beijing crossed swords over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday greetings to the Dalai Lama, and Enforcement Directorate (ED) searches at the offices of the Chinese company Vivo in India.

Mr. Jaishankar said the meeting was his first engagement after reaching the Indonesian resort city, where the G-20 summit will be held in November, and that the two sides discussed resolving the border stand-off that began in April 2020.

"EAM [External Affairs Minister] called for an early resolution of all the outstanding issues along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. Recalling the disengagement achieved in some friction areas, EAM reiterated the need to sustain the momentum to complete disengagement from all the remaining areas to restore peace and tranquillity in the border areas," a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, adding that the two Ministers agreed that they should continue regular contact at military and diplomatic meetings, and looked ahead to the next 16th round of Senior Commanders meeting at the Chushul-Moldo border point "at an early date".

Looking ahead: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Indonesia. • PTI

The Chinese readout made no mention of the LAC crisis, instead emphasising Mr. Wang's remarks calling on both sides to "strengthen coordination and cooperation and jointly promote more democratic international relations and a fairer international order". He said both sides had "maintained communication and exchanges" and "effectively managed differences".

The Senior Commanders' meeting on March 11 had been unable to make much forward movement, though previous rounds have seen the disengagement of Indian Army and People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops at Pangong North and Galwan and Gogra post at PP17-A, after the PLA transgressions and killings at Galwan in the summer of 2020. Disengagement at Hot Springs point or PP15, as well as Depsang and Demchok areas occupied by the Chinese side, still remains to be resolved, according to officials.

"EAM reiterated that India-China relationship is best served by observing the three mutuals – mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests," the MEA added.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

State loans

80,000 In ₹ crore, the amount earmarked by the Union Government as interest-free loans for States undertaking capital works in FY23. In this year's Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment' scheme under which total financial assistance of one lakh crore would be given to States in the form of 50-year interest-free loans for capital investment projects. PTI

Global poverty

71 In million the number of people around the world experiencing poverty as a result of soaring food and energy prices that climbed in the weeks following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP estimates that 51.6 million more people fell into poverty in the first three months after the war, living off $1.90 a day or less. This pushed the total number globally to 9% of the world's population. An additional 20 million people slipped to the poverty line of $3.20 a day. AP

World hunger

2.3 In billion, the number of people facing moderate or severe difficulty in obtaining enough to eat in 2021, an estimate from before the Ukraine war which has further sparked increases in the cost of grain, fertilizer and energy, according to a UN report. Recent evidence suggests that the number of people unable to afford a healthy diet around the world rose by 112 million to almost 3.1 billion, reflecting the impacts of rising food prices during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the five UN agencies that published the report. AP

Monkey pox cases

77 In percentage, the weekly increase in the number of lab-confirmed monkeypox cases, to more than 6,000 worldwide, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). The UN health agency said the mysterious outbreak continues to mainly affect men who have sex with men, and that other population groups showed no signs of sustained transmission. WHO said it counted 6,027 laboratory-confirmed cases from 59 countries as of Monday, an increase of 2,614 cases since its last count for the week that ended June 27. AP

U.S. Unemployment

2.35 In lakh, the number of Americans who applied for unemployment benefits last week. It was the fifth consecutive week that claims topped the 2,30,000 mark and the most in almost six months, according to the Labour Department. The total number of people collecting benefits for the week ending June 25 rose by 51,000 from the previous week to 13.75 lakh. The Labour Department said that U.S. employers advertised fewer jobs in May amid signs that the economy is weakening. AP

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EXPLAINER

Turbulence in the airline

What were the recent events with respect to SpiceJet which made the DGCA serve the airlines a show-cause notice?

THE GIST

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday served a show-cause notice on SpiceJet following atleast eight mid-air incidents and an accident since May.
- The DGCA has blamed "poor internal safety oversight" and "inadequate maintenance actions" for the fall in safety standards.
- Since May, SpiceJet saw incidents of cracked windshield, an engine shut down and an engine failure, smoke in cabin, a bird strike, a pressurisation snag and a glitch in the weather radar. It also saw an accident, when the airline's Boeing 737-800 flew into turbulence resulting in injuries to several passengers.

JAGRITI CHANDRA

The story so far: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday served a show-cause notice on SpiceJet following atleast eight mid-air incidents and an accident since May. In its notice, the aviation safety regulator has blamed these occurrences on "poor internal safety oversight" as well as the airline's failure to maintain its planes due to its poor financial health. The airline has three weeks to respond.

What has the DGCA said in its show cause notice?

In its notice the DGCA has said that the airline has failed to establish "safe, efficient and reliable air services". It says that its review of incidents reported by SpiceJet since April showed that on several occasions the airline was forced to either cut short its journey and turn back its aircraft and land at the airport of origin, or continue to its destination with "degraded safety margins". It has blamed "poor internal safety oversight" and "inadequate maintenance actions" for the fall in safety standards. In its harshest observation, the regulator has said that a financial assessment undertaken by it in September 2021 revealed that the airline witnessed shortage in supply of spare parts because of its failure to pay vendors on time, most of whom were conducting business with the airline on "cash and carry" basis. Cash and carry requires upfront payments as suppliers don't want to extend credit because of the airline's failure to clear dues on time.

How are incidents and accidents classified?

The Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017 categorise occurrences into "accidents", "serious incidents" and "incidents". An accident is one where a passenger is fatally or seriously injured, or when the aircraft sustains structural damage or if the aircraft is missing or inaccessible. However, not all kinds of physical damage to the aircraft are considered accidents such as when only one of the two engines fail, damage to propellers, wingtips, antennas, probes, vanes, tires, brakes, wheels, panels, landing gear doors, wind screens, the aircraft skin or minor damages to main rotor blades, tail rotor blades, landing gear, and those resulting from hail or bird strike.

A "serious incident" means an occurrence where there is a high probability of an accident and an "incident" is one which could affect the safety of flight operations.

The airline reported a consolidated net loss of ₹1,259.21 crore for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2021 and is yet to declare its results for the full financial year 2022

A senior DGCA official said, "on an average there are about 30 incidents that take place daily, which include go around, missed approaches, diversion, medical emergencies, weather, bird hits, runway incursion or excursion and ATC-driven occurrences. Most of them have no safety implications."

Were the recent SpiceJet incidents serious?

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A crack on the inner windshield can lead to pressurisation failure, which can then result in a drop in oxygen levels and cause hypoxia among passengers. Smoke inside passenger cabin is also serious according to the rules, and a glitch in the weather radar forced the pilot of a SpiceJet freighter to return to the airport shortly after take off on July 5. A bird strike though is not an airline's fault.

Aviation Safety Consultant Mohan Ranganathan says "often airlines don't report incidents, and also try to cover up accidents as incidents because the insurance premium they pay on aircraft goes up after an accident."

There is a need for greater scrutiny also because of the airline's financial status, which the DGCA has said is impacting the airline's safety standards. The airline reported a consolidated net loss of ₹1,259.21 crore for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2021 and is yet to declare its results for the full financial year 2022.

Many including Captain Ranganathan also blame the organisational culture where pilots are forced to fly despite defects being unresolved and rules given a go-by. For instance, a DGCA surprise check at a training centre in March revealed that SpiceJet was training its pilots on a simulator despite a faulty stick shaker which warns a pilot if there is an imminent fall. The training was part of the return to service of the infamous Boeing 737 MAX planes which were grounded across the world after two aircrashes. The DGCA barred 90 of SpiceJet's pilots from flying the MAXs until they were retrained.

What can the DGCA do?

The Aircraft Rules 1937 empower the DGCA to impose a fine of ₹1 crore, detain any aircraft if it can lead to danger to persons in the aircraft or to any other persons or property. The regulator can also suspend the airline's air operator's certificate (AOC) which is a pre-requisite for offering commercial air services in the country or curtail the airline's schedule, i.e. flights. But the DGCA is also under scrutiny. "The regulator carried out a financial audit only six months back and found glaring lapses. Why did it not act then? The show-cause notice makes a mockery of the whole process," said Captain Ranganathan.

• FILE PHOTO

"There were signals from the DGCA's audits of Kingfisher in 2012 and Jet Airways in 2018 about the two airline's poor financial health, but the failure of the DGCA to act in both the cases resulted in hundreds of passengers losing their money, employees rendered jobless when the two airlines closed down soon after," he adds.

EXPLAINER

The proposal for an India-specific norm for assessing vehicular safety in collision

How does the new draft on the Bharat New Car Assessment Program compare with the Global NCAP? How has the automobile industry responded?

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: On June 24, Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari approved a Draft GSR (general statutory rules) Notification seeking comments on a proposal to introduce the Bharat New Car Assessment Program (Bharat-NCAP). It would accord vehicles a star rating based on their performance in crash tests. They are intended to increase the export-worthiness of vehicles and competition on safety parameters among manufacturers, as well as instil consumer confidence in their safety. "Bharat NCAP will prove to be a critical instrument in making our automobile industry Aatmanirbhar with the mission of making India the Number 1 automobile hub in the world," he tweeted.

What is the purpose of an NCAP?

New Car Assessment Programs (NCAPs) provide globally reliable information about the crash safety of a vehicle based on certain common criteria and procedures. This then helps vehicles acquire a foothold in international markets. They are separate from country-specific motor standards in the sense that the latter restricts itself to assessing the vehicle's roadworthiness and not necessarily how it would ensure safety in a collision. However, a zero rating in an NCAP cannot prevent a car from being sold in any geography.

Global NCAP is a standardised platform establishing cooperation and coordination among NCAPs internationally whereas regional NCAPs take into account specific local conditions. A car may have attained a good rating elsewhere but it might not be the case in another geography because of potentially separate manufacturing origins and quality. The nature of the domestic markets also matter – consumers may prefer a car with reduced safety specifications for there is greater insistence on affordability.

How would the vehicles be evaluated?

The voluntary Bharat NCAP would assign vehicles between one and five stars on parameters such as Adult Occupant Protection (AOP), Child Occupant Protection (COP) and Safety Assist Technologies (SAT). It would study frontal impact, side impact and the possibility of a door opening after a crash. The potential impact is studied with the help of dummies, of pre-specified measurements, placed inside the vehicle. The car is crashed into an aluminium deformable barrier impersonating an opposing force of the same magnitude – a crash-like situation, with a 40% overlap.

Bharat NCAP would conduct its frontal offset crash testing at 64 kmph instead of the prevailing 56 kmph norm. Offset collisions are those where one side of a vehicle's front and not the full width hits the barrier. Even though the existing regulations adhere to United Nations Regulation 94 for collision testing, its absence in domestic testing norms, and inadequate side protection in vehicles (such as airbags), has been often cited as reasons for the poor performance of Indian vehicles at NCAPs.

After the test collision, to assess adult protection, the dummy would be checked for injuries on the head, neck, chest, knee, pelvis area, lower leg, foot and ankle. Whether the airbags protect the occupant's head that moves forward reflexively in the aftermath of a collision would be evaluated. There must not be any rib compression or injury to the knee joint. Additionally, full or partial ejection of an occupant because of a door opening is negatively marked.

For assessing child protection, the NCAP would evaluate the impact to a child restraint system (CRS) and airbag safety. CRS are portable seats designed to protect children during vehicle collisions. Vehicles that can accommodate a broad variety of child seats available in the domestic market would be rewarded. The child must not be ejected from the CRS and his/her head must be contained within the shell of the CRS preventing any outside blow following a crash.

Higher ratings would be accorded to vehicles with a permanent warning label on frontal airbags. Sudden braking may propel a child in the front row towards the dashboard, against an airbag which is inflating at an immense speed and having huge volume, causing injury or death. Cars must have manual switches to disable airbags which should not be within the child's reach.

What does it hold for the domestic automobile industry?

The proposed move follows Mr. Gadkari's focus on "zero tolerance for road accidents." In February this year, he had said efforts must be made to reduce road accidents by 50% by the year 2025.

With respect to Bharat NCAP, Hemal Thakkar, Director for Transport, Logistics and Mobility at analytics firm CRISIL, said that consumers will have to prepare for an increase in vehicle prices, but will also get safer vehicles. "There could be a dent to the price sensitive lower compact segment as muted income growth has already increased pressure on this segment which will get further accentuated on account of this move," he stated. Vinkesh Gulati, President of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), believes that having the Bharat NCAP rating criteria would emerge as a turning point in the domestic automotive sector in terms of product, technology and safety, since it would provide a platform that would test vehicular safety as per Indian conditions. "There were Indian OEMS (original equipment manufacturers) who were giving lot of importance to passenger safety and getting their vehicle tested under Global NCAP, but lot of MNC OEMs were not interested in this," Mr. Gulati said. He suggested that the grading system be made mandatory for all OEMs so that the choice is entirely left to the customer.

Addressing the issue of export-worthiness, Mr. Thakkar said that the proposed norm may not make a difference, since any vehicle that is exported to the EU or North America needs to be homologated in the respective country. However, India exports a lot of passenger vehicles to Africa and Latin America, because of which prices of vehicles would increase, he said.

If the Bharat NCAP is implemented, domestic testing agencies would conduct tests for M1 category of vehicles, that is, passenger vehicles having not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, and weighing less than 3.50 tonnes – imported or domestically manufactured. If cleared, it would be applicable from April 1, 2023.

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Cyber fraudsters use BBMP chief's ID for gift card scam

This is the most common form of cyber fraud, say police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

After targetting a high court judge and Principal Chief Commissioner of Central Tax, fraudsters have now used the BBMP Chief Commissioner's name to run an Amazon gift-card scam.

Nagesh K., Deputy Chief Information officer of BBMP IT cell, filed a complaint with the central division of cyber crime police on Thursday, stating that the accused not only used BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath's name and his photo as his WhatsApp display picture but also communicated with Mr. Nath's friend recommending him to buy an Amazon gift card.

He also shared the link to make the purchases.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath

Mr. Nath said messages posing as him asking for Amazon gift cards had been sent to several senior civic officials including Special Commissioners and Joint Commissioners of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in the past two days. "Our officer who has received the message has lodged a complaint with Cyber Crime Police. I request everyone not to fall for such cyber crimes," he said.

On Twitter

The BBMP chief also took to Twitter to address the incident and warn officers and citizens.

This is the most common form of cyber fraud that misuse the names of VIPs to cheat people, the police said.

Based on the complaint, the cyber crime police are trying to track down the accused through the mobile number he was using as the BBMP commissioner.

Bescom bill payment frauds getting aggressive, say complainants

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The police are now receiving complaints that cyber frauds are getting angry and sending abusive and lewd messages after failing to cheating people through the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) electricity bill payment scam.

An incident has been reported where 56-year-old Chowda Reddy's WhatsApp account was hacked by a fraudster who started uploading nude pictures on his apartment WhatsApp group through his account after Mr. Reddy refused to share his bank account details. Mr. Reddy is a resident of an apartment in Yelahanka and is a part of the WhatsApp group of the residents of the apartment.

Mr. Reddy filed a complaint with the north east division cyber crime police on Monday. Based on the complaint, the police are trying to track down the accused who, according to the police, is part of the gang which had duped many people through the electricity bill scam.

An enraged fraudster

In his complaint, Mr. Reddy said that he received a message on his phone informing that his electricity bill was due to be paid and that the power will be disconnected if the bill is not paid immediately. The message also had a link and contact number, which Reddy ignored and paid the bill through a different mode. A few minutes later, he received a call from a person informing that the bill had not been paid, to which Reddy replied that he has already made the payment and got the receipt.

The caller started insisting on sharing the details of the bill payment and bank account, making Mr. Reddy grow suspicious and disconnect the call. Enraged by this, the caller hacked into his WhatsApp account and started uploading nude pictures on one of the WhatsApp groups of his apartment. The incident came to light when some of his neighbours called Mr. Reddy to inform him about the pictures. When Mr. Reddy tried to check his WhatsApp account, it was blocked. Worried, he rushed to the cyber crime police and filed a complaint. It may be recalled that Bescom had also complained to the cyber crime police about its consumers getting fraudulent texts of discontinuation of power supply owing to non-payment of bills.

Bescom also clarified that the texts were fake and it does not insist on payments of bills through text messages.

Bescom clarifies

Bescom clarified on Thursday that customers will have 15 days from the date of issue of the bill for the payment to be made, after a video started circulating on social media claiming that a window of six months will be available for payment of electricity bills from the date of issue.

"According to the provisions of KERC, customers will have 15 days from the date of issue of bills to pay their bills. It can be paid at Bengaluru One, Bescom offices and through the Bescom Mitra App, website and Google Pay app only," a release said. Legal action will be taken against the maker of the video, officials said.

Murder suspect from Bangladesh held after 7 years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a joint operation, the Bengaluru south east division police, with their Kolkata and Bangladesh counterparts, arrested Faisal Ahmed, who was on the run after allegedly murdering a writer in Sylhet city, Bangladesh, in May 2015.

Ahmed was traced in Bengaluru by the Bangladesh police with the help of their Kolkata counterparts and Bommanahalli police where he was living in a rented house and working as a cab driver. Police said Faisal crossed the porous border and came to Silchar in Assam soon after the court awarded death penalty to him and three of his associates. He managed to get a voter's ID, using which he obtained passport and driving license.

Ahead of civic polls, BBMP wants to give micro loans to 1.8 lakh street vendors

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Ahead of the scheduled civic polls, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to provide micro loans of ₹10,000 to 1.80 lakh street vendors in the city under the PM SVANidhi Scheme. "The target for the city under the scheme was 55,000, but we sought a hike in the target and got it set at 1.8 lakh," said Ram Prasat Manohar, Special Commissioner (Welfare), BBMP. Bank kiosks will be opened at markets to help street vendors avail loans, he said.

There is a problem though. The city's civic body has till date only identified 25,000-odd street vendors through the first ever survey held in 2017 and issued ID cards only to 14,000 of them till date, while street vendor unions estimate the number of vendors in the city to be in the range of 1.5 - 2 lakh. Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 stipulates the formation of town vending committees and a survey of street vendors every five years, and as per that schedule, a survey is pending this year.

"Though the two processes are unrelated, it is a fine opportunity for the civic body to carry out an extensive survey of street vendors in the city and provide them with ID cards, and identify vending zones which will free them of harassment by the police," said Lekha Adavi, of Bengaluru Jilla Beedi Vyapari Sanghatanegala Okkoota.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath agrees. "I have directed officials to carry out an extensive survey of street vendors while identifying beneficiaries of the PM SVANidhi scheme," he said.

S. Babu, president of the Okkoota, said in the absence of an extensive survey, PM SVANidhi loans were being sanctioned based on Letters of Recommendation (LoR) from town vending committees to identify street vendors. Mr. Babu said this was not only ad-hoc but was leading to misuse of loans and corruption.

"There have been instances last year where many from the same family, who are not even street vendors, got LoRs from town vending committees as street vendors, secured multiple loans and in turn gave them to street vendors for high rates of interest," he said.

Mr. Babu said an extensive survey of all street vendors was an immediate need. "When I raised the issue of the survey in the town vending committee of the west zone on Wednesday, officials said LoRs issued for PM SVANidhi loans will be treated as provisional ID cards and will be used to identify street vendors at a later date. But this is a faulty procedure and will only lead to bogus registrations to avail benefits, while the real street vendors will be left in the lurch. We want town vending committees to issue LoRs at the site of vending in the presence of other street vendors," he said.

COVID backlog, dilution of land ceiling among factors for spike in property deals

Guidance value rebate also has made a positive impact, says CREDAI chairman

K.V. ADITYA BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU

The post pandemic surge in property registrations in the State is mainly attributed to the resurgence of the economy - backlog of property sales during the pandemic being cleared now, investments in property in Bengaluru and farm lands elsewhere in the State picking up, among a host of other factors.

The first explanation many give is that there was a COVID-19 backlog being cleared now. "The guidance value rebate has had a positive impact. Many who were waiting for normalcy used the opportunity to register their committed property," said Suresh Hari, chairman, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Associations of India (CREDAI), Bengaluru.

However, neither the industry nor the Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps (IGR&CS) agree that only a backlog clearance fuelled the phenomenon.

Mr. Hari said with companies returning to work from offices at least in a hybrid mode, people who had left the city are coming back. This has led to increased rental and demand for residential spaces, especially in the category that needs to be closer to their workplaces.

Sources in the industry also said during the two pandemic years, since everyone was couched at home, many have saved money and are now looking at investment options and real estate any day scores over most options. B.R. Mamatha Gowda, IGR&CS, Karnataka, said they had observed a lot of non-resident Bengalureans investing in properties in the city of late. "The city seems to have emerged as stable, well-managed during the pandemic, prompting many to invest here," she said.

Another phenomenon fuelling the spike in property registrations is that many people from the city are buying farm lands elsewhere in the State. "With the government relaxing land ceiling under the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961, many from the city are investing in farm lands across the State. While some are moving to the villages, some are being absentee farmers. Earlier, we used to see over 60% of the property registrations in the State happen in Bengaluru and the rest in districts. Now, we see that ratio being almost half each, indicating more transactions in agricultural land," Ms. Gowda said.

Uptick in property registration

Month	2021-22 Documents registered	2021-22 Revenue (in ₹ Crore)	2022-23 Documents registered	2022-23 Target (in ₹ Crore)	2022-23 Revenue (in ₹ Crore)	Difference over last year Difference	Difference over last year Docs regd.	Difference over last year Revenue (in ₹ Crore)
April	1,51,701	1,037.71	1,81,646	1,089.17	1,276.37	187.20	29,945	238.66
May	16,469	147.12	1,96,314	978.34	1,224.12	245.78	1,79,845	1,077.00
June	1,08,215	762.48	2,97,267	895.22	1,396.51	501.29	1,89,052	634.03
Total	2,76,385	1,947.31	6,75,227	2,962.73	3,897.00	934.27	3,98,842	1,949.69

Inflow

Year	Revenue earned in the first quarter April-June (in ₹ crore)
2011-12	1,115.13
2012-13	1,250.14
2013-14	1,357.43
2014-15	1,611.00
2015-16	1,964.24
2016-17	2,037.76
2017-18	2,003.71
2018-19	2,383.76
2019-20	2,744.99
2020-21	1,169.71
2021-22	1,947.31
2022-23	3,897.00

Industry wants rebate on guidance value to continue

People wait outside the office of the sub-registrar at Kengeri.

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Though on a high in the first quarter of the fiscal 2022-23, the real estate industry expects a dip in transactions in the coming months for a variety of reasons - home loans have become costly with the Reserve Bank of India hiking repo rate by 50 basis points twice since May 2022, July being Aashada Masa, considered inauspicious for Hindus, and the guidance value rebate of 10% in the State ending on July 24.

"We have been asking for reduction of guidance value at least for one year, since a rebate for three months and ad-hoc extensions will not create any new response from the market. Customers need longer time to process registration and three months does not give that comfort time frame," said Suresh Hari, president, CREDAI-Bengaluru.

Industry insiders also pointed out that the performance of the first quarter of 2022-23 showed that a reduction will only increase the revenue of the State exchequer and not cause losses. Maharashtra, for instance, slashed guidance value permanently during the pandemic, offering a boost to the market, insiders said. Mr. Hari said home loans were becoming costlier and unless there is an additional incentive provided by the government, it will slash demand.

B.R. Mamatha Gowda, Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps, Karnataka, said the department had forwarded the memorandum submitted by CREDAI on extension of guidance value rebate to the state government, which will take a call soon.

FROM PAGE ONE

Property registration revenue highest ever in Karnataka

B.R. Mamatha Gowda, IGR&CS, Karnataka, attributed the surge in property registrations to resurgence of the real estate sector, post the uncertainty of the pandemic and measures taken by the department to boost registrations – 10% rebate in guidance value and opening sub-registrar offices from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The guidance value rebate is now sought to be extended by the industry and the government is yet to take a call, she said.

SI, constable caught while taking bribe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Officials of the Anti Corruption Bureau on Thursday trapped a Sub-Inspector attached to Bengaluru Metropolitan Task Force along with her assistant while accepting a bribe of ₹1 lakh.

The accused Baby Olekar and Constable Srinivas had demanded the bribe from a Benson Town resident to close a case filed against him. The case was already closed but the accused tried to make money out of it.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Vanajamma**, Aged about 53 years, W/o. Krishnappa, S.V, R/at, Dasari Beadhi, Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562125, do hereby state that, I have lost the below mentioned original Sale deeds in respect of Survey Number 129/1 measuring 20 Guntas, situated at Thindlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. I have lodged a police complaint on 05.07.2022 at HSR Layout Police Station. Whoever finds the documents kindly handover the documents to any of us at our Advocate having office at **Jury Legal Solutions, No.8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.** The public is hereby cautioned not to transact with anybody claiming to be the owners of the below said survey numbers holding the lost original documents. Any transactions made without our knowledge will be at their cost.

1) **Sale deed dated 13.03.2008, vide Doc. No. 2818/2007-08.**
2) **Sale deed dated 20.07.2013, vide Doc. No.1728/2013-14**
3) **Sale deed dated 12.03.2008, vide Doc. No.2809/2007-08**

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
Advocates,
No. 8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector,
HSR Layut, Bangalore-560102.
Mobile: 9844897355 / 9902195500
Bangalore Date : 07-07-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **ANWAR**, Aged about 58 years, S/o. Late Bhasha Sab, R/at: 354, Near Ghousia Masjid, Sir M. Vishveshwaraiah Road, Virat Nagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068. Aadhaar No.2419 7555 5929 has recently lost the Original Sale Deed Dated:05.05.2010, vide Document No.BMH-1-00878/2010-11, Book-I, stored in C.D. No.BMHD415, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore which is executed by K.Raja Reddy S/o Krishna Reddy in favour Sri.Mahaveer Kicha and Sale Deed dated:23.07.2003, vide Document No.BNG(U)BLR(S)V7948/2003-04, Book-I, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore which is executed by Sri.B.M.Gopala Reddy to one Mr. Anwar and same were lost on 25.04.2022 while travelling in HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bangalore in respect Property bearing Site Nos. 3 & 4, Khatha No.8/11, Property No.8/11/3&4, situated at **Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring **2400 Square Feet** and my client has lodged a complaint on 06.07.2022 before HSR Layout Police Station, Bangalore.

If anyone finding the above original title deed is requested to hand over the same to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from hereof and my client will assure of appropriate reward to such person:

M.R.REVANNA, Advocate
No.264, 1st Floor, Behind Ganesh Temple
Begur Road, Bommanahalli
Bangalore-560068. Ph : 93806 28324

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my clients **Rahul Kumar Singh s/o Vinod Kumar Singh and Subhashni Singh w/o Rahul Kumar Singh** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein from its **owners Hema S and S. Ashok Kumar children of A.R. Shivaram,** constructed by **M/s. SJR Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.** (hereinafter Owners/sellers). The Owners/sellers represents and warrant that they are absolute owners of the schedule property and that they have not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any other persons, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the Owners/seller further represents and warrants that they have not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from them no other persons, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my clients shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential **Flat No.VERA 901 & 902** (2 BHK), on 9th Floor, in **"SJR VERITY"** measuring each 1353 sqft of BBA with each 498 sqft UDS, constructed on Sy. no.22/1 measuring 04 Acre 39 guntas, conversion order No.BDIS\ALN\E\VB\BR\37\2005-6, situated at **Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Tq, Bangalore Dist.**

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere
Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401
Bengaluru Date : 07-07-2022

CCH-15 HG:12-08-2022

IN THE COURT OF 8th ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P& SC No.414/2022

Petitioner:
Mr. GEORGE.CHRISTOPER. S, S/o. J.P. Solomon, Aged about 66 years, R/at No.133, 6th Cross, Pillanna Garden, Bangalura North, St. Thomas Town Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560084.

v/s-

NIL ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this Court under Section-372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by **Late Brigitta Grace George** was elder daughter of the petitioner herein who expired on 18-04-2021.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 12-08-2022 at 11 a.m.** inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that Service and Death benefits i.e. Provident Fund, Gratuity, Death benefits, Pensioner benefits and retirement benefits and all other benefits, accrued on the death of Late Brigitta Grace George working as employee in Cisco India company Bangaluru.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 4th day of July 2022.

By the order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioner:
NARENDRA PATGAR
Legal -2, Millers Road
Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2022-23/03 Dated : 04-07-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Provision of Auxiliary Transformers for interlocking of LC's over Bengaluru Division	Rs. 23,17,347.40

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 29-07-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / TRD Bengaluru
PUB/208/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. ROB_RUB_SnT_SBC Dt: 01.07.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender for the following work:

Name of the work	Approx. Value
S & T Cable diversion work for facilitating engineering works over Bengaluru Division	Rs. 46,18,062.58

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 22-07-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer Bengaluru
PUB/204/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

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Public Works (West) Division, Satara - 415 001
Phone No. 02162/234329
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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 42 FOR 2022-2023

The Executive Engineer, Public Works (West) Division, Satara - 415001 (Telephone No. 234329) invites tender notice in **B-1** form for the execution of works under jurisdiction of this division through e-tendering process from contractors registered in the appropriate class with the Government of Maharashtra Public Works Department Or Reputed and experienced Contractors / Firms who fulfill the terms and condition of tender and having experience of similar type of work.

The right to accept / reject tender reserves to Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle Satara. Bids document can be downloaded from website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Conditional tender will not be accepted. **Estimated rates does not contains GST. Contractors shall also quote their rates without GST (Excluding GST). GST will be paid to Contractors at prevailing rates on bill amount separately.**

e-tender work No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Improvements to Wakhanwasti Karad Dhebewadi Road (Four lane) MDR 55 KM 10/200 to 25/200 (Section : Emerson Factory to Karad Taluka Border) Tal- Karad Dist- Satara.	988.00
2	Improvement to MDR-17 to Chaturbet Dabhe Kharoshi Rule Akalpe Metshindi to District Border Road MDR- 120 Km. 85/000 to 99/740 (Section - Morani to Shindi District Border) Tal. Mahabaleshwar. Dist. Satara.	1200.00

E-Tender Period :- **Date 08/07/2022 to Date 01/08/2022**

Prebid Meeting :- **Date 19/07/2022 at 12.30 Hrs.** in the office of the Chief Engineer P. W. Region, Pune (If bidder want to attend prebid meeting through Video Conference. He shall ask link through e-mail : **westsatara.ee@mahapwd.gov.in** before **Dt.18/07/2022 up to 4.00 pm.**)

E-Tender opening :- **Date - 04/08/2022 to 05/08/2022**

All information related to Tender is available on below website.
1. http://mahapwd.gov.in
2. https://mahatenders.gov.in
(If There is any change in E- Tender Notice it will be displayed on above website)
3. **Executive Engineer, Public Work (West) Division, Satara Notice Board**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
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DGIPR/2022-2023/1734

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

TENDER NOTICE NO. S/10/2022-23 Dated. 06-07-2022. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works. **SN.1. Tender No.** 79/21/09838/OT/26/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Pillow cover handloom bleached white superior quality size. 65 x 38 cms. with screen printing of "Northeast Frontier Railway" Month & year of manufacturing in English and Hindi script in strip of size 1cm width to be printed in running length symmetrically at a distance of 10cms. from both ends. Screen printing shall be in light blue colour. Each pillow cover should be stitched by cotton thread, the stitches should not be less than 4 numbers per cm. border of 3.5cms. should be provided with interlocking to BIS specification No. IS:745/1990, variety No.12. **Closing/Opening date: 27-07-2022. SN.2. Tender No.** KT/215156E/OT/27/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Supply, Installation and commissioning of SMPS based IPS conforming to RDSO specification No. RDSO/SPN/165/2012 (Version 3.0). **Closing/Opening date: 03-08-2022. SN.3. Tender No.** 79/22/09871/OT/28/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Bed sheet Ployvastra 229cmX 140cm(white) made of KVIC/Handloom,Ployvastra. The following printed information should be available in one corner of one side of the bed sheet:(a) N.F.Railway (b) year & month of Mfg. (c) Name and Brand. The colour should be fast and will not come out when wet. S/N.1 Yarn Count(Ne),Warp, Weft. Spec No.33.2 s/2+-10%,33.2 s/2 +-10% S/N.2 Thread/cm, Warp, Weft. spec No.18+-10% 18+-10% S/N.3 Weight per sq.mtr (gm). 125+-10%. S/N.4 Type of weave. spec. plain S/N.5.Breaking strength (kgf) (strip size 5x20 cms) Warp, Weft. Spec. 55 main-average, 52 min-individual, sample. S/N.6. Scouring Loss(%), spec. 2.0% max. S/N.7.pH Value of Aqueous Extract. spec. 6.0 to 8.5 S/N.8.Residucal Starch Content(%), spec. 0.1% max. S/N.9.Relaxation Shrinkage(%) Warp,Weft. Spec. 1.0% max, 1.0% max S/N.10.Blend Composition(%) Polyester, cotton spec. 60% to 70%, 30% to 40%. S/N.11.Water soluble Matter(%), spec. 1.0 max. S/N.12.Colour Fastness to: (a) Rubbing Staining on Undyed cotton Fabric. Dry, Wet. Spec. 4 or better, 4 or better. (b). Light Blue Wool Rating spec. 5 or better. **Closing/Opening date:** 27-07-2022. For details please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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An interoperable foundation for the metaverse

As various Big Tech players are building their own versions of an extended virtual reality, the need for a common standard is being addressed by open-source platforms and other stakeholders

JOHN XAVIER

THE GIST

- Metaverse projects are booming, and large tech firms have thrown plenty of money into a yet-to-be-fully understood digital fantasy land.
- With hardware and software makers coming together, the race to the metaverse feels like the Gold Rush of 1849. But to make all of it work in sync, interoperability between various software and hardware is key. There has to be a set of commonly agreed upon protocols to make the metaverse work.
- Open-source platforms like Web3D Consortium, World Wide Web Consortium, XR Association (XRA), Cesium and several other industry players have come together as the Metaverse Standards Forum to build interoperability into the metaverse.

From a futuristic idea in the novel *Snow Crash* three decades ago, the metaverse has now come of age. Metaverse projects are booming, and large tech firms have thrown plenty of money into a yet-to-be-fully understood digital fantasy land.

The Big Tech rush

Starting with Facebook, now renamed Meta Platforms, companies have invested millions to build online universes where people can meet and talk to each other virtually. Meta has set aside $10 billion to buy and develop hardware and software to provide VR (virtual reality) capabilities within the metaverse.

Google's CEO Sundar Pichai has also expressed his interest in augmented reality (AR). The search giant could soon augment some of its apps for users to experience in a virtual setting. The company's Maps AR, or Live View feature, shows superimposed details (like arrows) on the app when users are walking or looking for direction. It has also invested nearly $40 million in a private fund toward projects in the metaverse. Compared to Meta's investment in the metaverse, Google's is small, but not negligible.

Microsoft, a long-standing player in AR/VR, is also moving fast into the digital land. It comes to the online universe through the gaming channel. The software maker has splashed $70 billion to buy Call of Duty maker Activision Blizzard. The video gaming company's popular titles will help the cash-rich Windows maker corner a big part of the virtual reality space.

Chip makers are also investing in building semiconductors to power the 3D world. Nvidia is putting GPUs in consoles, PCs and laptops. Qualcomm is busy building extended reality to enable device makers to power their gadgets for people to view the metaverse in action. The chip maker is also working alongside Microsoft to advance AR-related interfaces.

The need for interoperability

With hardware and software makers coming together, the race to the metaverse feels like the Gold Rush of 1849. This time around, there won't be any physical gold to mine. And this digital land is unlike the wild wild west of the 19th century. The treasure here is the digital footprint users will leave behind as they play games and socialise. For example, picture a school science exhibition where different groups of students are showcasing their projects. Each one of them highlights a particular concept in science. That is exactly how the metaverse looks now. Each company is building software or hardware for the metaverse on its own.

Industry leaders and experts have pointed out that the potential of the metaverse will be best realised only if it is built on open standards

But to make all of it work in sync, interoperability between various software and hardware is key. There has to be a set of commonly agreed upon protocols to make the metaverse work, just like how Transfer Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) enabled the Internet to go live four decades ago. Such protocols help us in connecting to a WiFi network from home and office without changing our devices.

They are a result of open standards. Industry leaders and experts have pointed out that the potential of the metaverse will be best realised only if it is built on open standards.

Proponents of the metaverse call it the future of the Internet with 3D at its core. And to fully simulate the digital world, 3D interoperability has to be met.

Joining hands

This is why open-source platforms like Web3D Consortium, World Wide Web Consortium, XR Association (XRA), Cesium and several other industry players have come together as the Metaverse Standards Forum to build interoperability into the amorphous metaverse.

Open to any organisation at no cost, the Metaverse Standards Forum "will focus on pragmatic, action-based projects such as implementation prototyping, hackathons, plugfests, and open-source tooling to accelerate the testing and adoption of metaverse standards". It will also develop consistent language and deployment guidelines to expand the online universe. The Forum has also confirmed that it will not create standards by itself but coordinate requirements and resources to foster the creation and evolution of standards within organisations working in relevant domains.

This group will gather data and share insights with organisations to ensure standardised APIs (application programming interface) in order to provide access to input and output capabilities commonly associated with XR (extended reality) hardware and sensors.

It will also enable mobile handheld devices and standalone headsets to interact with each other. This coming together of various open-source platforms is an important step to build an interoperable foundation for an idea that finally came of age.

Their joint experiences and learnings can help maintain safety and fair use of technology in the digital space.

THE DAILY QUIZ

STS-135, the final mission of the American Space Shuttle programme, was launched on this date in 2011. A quiz on the 30-year-old programme run by NASA

1 STS-1, the first orbital spaceflight of the shuttle programme, was launched on April 12, 1981. What is the significance of the date and what does STS expand to?

2 Of the six orbiters built for flight, one was retired after the completion of critical testing. Name the craft named after a famous spacecraft from a cult TV series.

3 Name the other five orbiters that actually went to space.

4 Why are January 28, 1986, and February 1, 2003 significant in the history of the Space Shuttle?

5 At more than 15-stories tall, the external tank was the largest single part of a shuttle stack. What visual effect did the foam insulation sprayed on the tank's aluminium structure have?

6 STS-70 was delayed because holes were found in the foam insulation of the external tank. What caused them?

7 Name the craft meaning 'Snowstorm' or 'Blizzard' that is considered the Russian equivalent of the Space Shuttle?

◄ Name this moonwalker who was one of the two crew members on the inaugural STS-1 mission.

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The meaning of the Aztec Nahuatl word 'Xocolatl'. **Ans: Bitter Water**
2. The West African nation which is the largest producer of cocoa. **Ans: Ivory Coast**
3. '___ Cacao' is the binomial name for the plant from which we get cocoa. **Ans: Theobroma**
4. Joseph Fry was responsible for this innovation. **Ans: Solid/bar chocolate**
5. Criollo, Forastero, Trinitario, and Nacional are varieties of this. **Ans: The four main varieties of cacao.**
6. The type of chocolate bar in which Charlie Bucket finds his golden ticket. **Ans: Wonka's Whipple-Scrumptious Fudgemallow Delight**
7. The popular brand named after the favourite horse of the Mars family. **Ans: Snickers.**
Visual (attached): Name this chocolate-maker known for inventing the conching machine used in chocolate manufacture. **Ans: Rodolphe Lindt**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"What's the difference between an 'official' and an 'officer', sir?"

" 'He is a revenue official' means he is someone working in the revenue department. He may or may not be an officer. 'He is an officer' means he is a person with a certain authority. He has the designation of an 'officer'. Officers are officials but officials are not officers. A clerk is an official in an office, but he is not an officer. He holds an office or a position in the department, but he is not an officer."

"Judgement, judgment – which is correct, sir?"

"Both are correct. The word can be with or without 'e' after 'g'. But don't remove the 'e' in the word 'judge'. The judge will get angry."

"What's the difference between 'rural' and 'rustic', sir?"

" 'Rural' is a neutral term. It is the opposite of 'urban'.

I like this rural atmosphere.

Rural development must receive the highest priority.

'Rustic' has a good and a bad sense. 'Rustic simplicity' means simplicity that is characteristic of villagers. Here it is used in a good sense. A rustic is one who is simple, plain and unaffected. 'Rustic' has a bad sense when it is used with speech or manners. It means 'unrefined, coarse or uncouth'.

His rustic speech amused the audience.

His rustic manners horrified the hostess."

"What's the meaning of 'he trickled in', sir?"

" 'To trickle in' is to 'come or go slowly or gradually'.

He trickled into the room when I was reading a book.

She trickled out of the hotel.

There are different ways of coming in or going out. I'll give a few examples. You may use them in appropriate contexts.

She stormed in.
He danced in.
He wandered in.
She shimmied in.
He burst in.
He strutted in.
He meandered in.
He melted in.

If you are interested in more, read a couple of novels by P. G. Wodehouse."

"Do you pronounce the 't' in 'often', sir? Do you ever say 'oftenly'?"

"The 't' in 'often' is generally not pronounced. Some people do pronounce the 't'. But you need not follow them. It is always 'often' and never 'oftenly'.

Often I go there.

He goes there often.

Well, let's stop for the day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Bellary Thermal Power Station)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

Brief Tender Notification

Two Cover System (Only through e-procurement portal)

No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work Indent 12553 Date: 04-07-2022

Tenders are invited through GOK e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **" Casting/ machining of double disc valve spares and providing, installation of bag filters for buffer hopper and silo vent fan for Unit-2 Ash Handling Plant BTPS. " Amount put to tender:** ₹ 12.69 Lakhs. **Last date for submission of both technical & financial bid:** 13-07-2022 up to 16:00 hrs. **Opening of technical bid:** 14-07-2022 at 16:30 hrs. **Tender documents can be downloaded from the above portal.** Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (AHP)-1, BTPS, KPCL, Kudithini-583152, Bellary District. Mobile: 9448290768

Government of Karnataka

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

No.EE/PWD/HSN/JE-1/2022-23 DATED: **06.07.2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 06 /2022-23, Dated: 06.07.2022

Tender is invited by the Public Works Ports and Inland Water Transport Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document **KW-3&4** from the eligible registered contractors of Karnataka PWD through E-procurement pertains to **05 Works in Hassan Division.** The minimum tender amount is **Rs.75.00 lakhs** and maximum tender amount **Rs.300.00.00 lakhs**, under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of **tender is Dated: 22.07.2022.** For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Mr.MURLI DASWANI; aged about 71 years, son of SHEWAKRAM, Residing at No.3, 2ND CROSS, SINDHI COLONY, BENGALURU-560005, have lost the Original Property Documents of the Schedule Property such as Sale Deed vide document Number: 1557/1964-65, in Book-1, dated : 24/08/1964, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, which is standing in the name of Smt. GOPI BAI DASWANI, the absolute owner of the Schedule property i.e. the Mother of my Client Mr. Mr.MURLI DASWANI. If any person/s find the said original documents shall handover to the undersigned Advocate or any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim and ownership over Schedule Property; the same may be informed to the undersigned Advocate, in person, along with the documentary proof, within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it is presumed that my client is at liberty to deal with the same in any manner as he deems fit and for his future transactions / dealings in respect of the Schedule Property, the Certified Copies of the above said documents shall be considered as absolute title deeds. Any claim made after the stipulated period, will not be valid and the finder will be suitable rewarded on return of the original documents.

SCHEDULE

(DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property Building Premises No. (19-OLD), NEW No.03, situated at 2ND CROSS, WHEELER ROAD, CIVIL STATION, BANGALORE bounded on East by : Compund Wall No. 5/18, 2nd Cross & Measuring 77 FEET and 3 Inches, bounded on the West by : Site No.02 & Measuring 22 % Feet Plus 53 Feet 10 % Inches, on the North by the Garage bearing No. 6 measuring 14 Feet 5 Inches Plus 25 Feet 10 % Inches and on the South by 2nd Cross Road, Wheelers Road, Bangalore measuring 49 Feet 11 Inches.

Place:- Bengaluru
Date:- 07/07/2022

ADVOCATE
N.KANCHI VARADARAJU. M.A. LL.B.,
ADVOCATE, KAR No. 1252/02
KANCHI ASSOCIATES
No. 66, 5th Cross, Jyothi Nagar, Chandralayout, Bangalore-72. Cell No. 9241679254

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Ballari City Corporation, Ballari.

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Landline No : 08392-273479 /278168 Fax : 08392-273477
Website : www.ballaricity.mrc.gov.in
E-mail ID: bellarycommissioner@yahoo.co.in

No:CCB/ENG/DM/DMF/10/38 CW/2021-22 **Date:05.07.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal Only)

Tenders are inivited under 2020-21 Ballari District Mining Area Development **(District Mineral Foundation Fund)** in Ballari City Corporation Limits through e-procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in as per KW-3 & 4 Document Registered / Renewed/ in the PWD Department from the eligible contractors for the following works of a mnimum Estimated Amount Rs.70.00 & Maximum of Rs.100.00 Indent _ 133584, 133586 & 133589 Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 15.07.2022 to 29.07.2022 on or Before 16.30Hours, Last date of submission of Tender on 29.07.2022 at 17.30 Hours, Pre-Bid Meeting on 22.07.2022 at 11.00 Hours, Opening of Technical Bid on 02.08.2022 at 11.00 Hours, Technically Qualified Bidders Financial Bid Opened on 08.08.2022 at 11.30 Hours. Transaction fee & EMD should be remitted in the e-procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact this office Phone No:08392-273479 and e-mail ID: bellarycommissioner@yahoo.co.in

Sd/- Commissioner, Ballari City Corporation.

DIPR/Ballari/226/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/5054-3054-8443/2022-23/1339

Dated:06.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) for 7 works as per standard bid documents KW-3 & 4 with Different head of accounts costing of amount for Rs. 100.00 Lakhs to Rs. 650.00 Lakhs respectively, the EMD amount of Rs.2,00,000.00 to 9,75,000.00 for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) The Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date: 16.07.2022 @ 11.00 AM. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date: 21.07.2022 upto 4.30 PM. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Date: 22.07.2022 at 4.31 PM. 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date: 25.07.2022 at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Vijayapur

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Name of Holder: Vinod Manchori
Kind of Security/Face value: Equity Shares Rs 10 Each
No. of Securities: 460
Folio No: 081073
Distinctive No: From 37927388 To 37927845

Bengaluru
06/07/2022 **Vinod Manchori**

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JC-333007H Sub Maj/JE (Civil) Ramesha RS residing at Flat No 304, SMR castle, Doddabanswadi, Near Ashirwad Super Market, Bangalore - 560043 have changed my daughter name from Soundarya R to Sowndarya R vide affidavit dated 05 Jul 2022 before Notary Uday Kumar K, Bangaluru-560024

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHASKER S/o Ramachandra, R/o No.63, Marenahalli, Koramangala, Opp NGV Complex, Bangalore-560030, have changed my name from Bhasker to Bhasker R vide affidavit dated 07-07-2022 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Lakshminarayana Narasimharaju S/o.Narasimha Raju, R/o.3676 A,6th cross (old 12th cross),1st Main,Gayatri nagara,Bengaluru-560021changed my name to Lakshminarayana Anantram Narasimha Raju for all purposes.

I, Sowmya D M W/O. Vishal Verma R/ o #174, Megala Street, Near Navagraha Temple, Kanakapura, Ramanagara District - 562117 have changed my name to Hiisha Dhage Verma for all purposes.

LOST & FOUND

I, MS Bineesh R/o F.no 103 Ramaiah Mansion, 2nd Main, Pai Layout, opp Old Madras Road, Bangalore 560016 have changed my minor daughter's name from Aaradha Manoth to Aaradhya Manoth for all purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT TUMAKURU
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 94/2022

BETWEEN :

ICICI BANK LTD.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered office "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara-390007. And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., ICICI RAPG Division, Classic Arcade, 1st Floor, KS Rao Road, Beside City Centre, Tumkur and represented POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali. M, S/o. Ishrath Ali. M, age : 24 years
...PLAINTIFF

AND

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi and another
...DEFENDANTS

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant
1. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi
Aged about 39 years, Daughter of Venkategowda,
2. Mr. Krishnappa B.S.,
Aged about 53 years Son of Siddalingaiah Both are Residing at Sreenidhi Nilaya, 4 Cross, Near Banashankari Temple, Jayanagar, Tumkur-572102.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs.10,35,044/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand and Forty Four only) together with interest at the rate 18% P.A. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on the 4th day of August 2022 at 11:00 AM to show cause against the suit, and failing/ wherein the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 01st day of July 2022.

By order of the Court,
Siresthedhar,
Prl. Senior Civil Judge Court
Tumakuru

Advocates for plaintiff :
S.M. Anees Ahamed,
B.M. Kushalappa, T.N. Ajay
Advocate, No. 4, (10/2),
West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION COURT, THRISSUR

ECC.532/2016
(Old Nos.: ECC.459/2014; WCC.123/2008)
EP.4/2021

A.K.Shaleesh, S/o.Krishnan, Arengatil House, Kaipamanagalam P.O., Thrissur Dt.	Petitioner Decree-Holder
Kirloskar Pneumatic Co. Ltd., Cross 102, 1st Floor, Andree, K.H. Road, Capitol, Bangalore-7.	Respondent Judgment-Debtor

The above numbered EP is posted for hearing to 21-7-2022. It is hereby informed one and all of the interested parties in the above numbered matter that they are to be present either directly in person or through counsel before the Honourable Court on the 21-7-2022, at 11 am failing which the matter will be proceeded with, in their absence and decided forth with.

Dated this the day of 25th May 2022. Counsel for Petitioner / Decree-holder : Haridas M.

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVII ACC & SJ BENGALURU (CCH-88)
COMMERCIAL ORIGINAL SUIT NO.183/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Corporate & Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and branch office at Mystree Center, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Smt. Jayalakshmi & Another
...Defendant

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C. Summons to Defendant No.1 and 2

D1, Smt. Jayalakshmi,
D/o. Sri. Nandanna, No.110, 4th Cross, Jai Maruthinagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore- 560096
D2, Sri. Kumar,
S/o. Sri. Mallesha, No.110, 4th Cross, Jai Maruthinagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore- 560096

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.14,81,590/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on 08.08.2022 at 11.00 a.m., to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 2nd July 2022.

By order of the Court
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE SUB COURT, PALAKKAD
OS 226/94 EP 258/21

Pazhanankutty, Kannanur Amsom, Alathur Taluk
--Petitioner
G. Janardhanan, S/o. Gopalan Department of Pathology Command Hospital, Airforee Agram(P.O),Banglore - 560 007
-- Respondent No. 18
Jayadasan, S/o. Gopalan, C/210, New North Colony Ambujanagar (P.O), Gir Somanath District, Gujarath 362715
-- Respondent No. 19

The above petition filed to get the delivery of petition schedule property is posted on 03/08/2022. If any objection is there for the above mentioned persons shall appear before the court at 11 a.m. on the same day. Otherwise said persons will be set ex-party and petition allowed as prayed for.

Advocate S. SIDHARTHAN
Counsel for petitioner

IN THE COURT OF THE VIth ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH- 11) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 1892 OF 2019

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle Vadodara- 390007, & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G Road, Bangalore- 560001 and represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Manoj Kumar S, S/o. Somashekar V.G., Age: 33 Years. ...PLAINTIFF
AND
Mr. B Ravi Shankar
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendants :
Mr. B Ravi Shankar,
Aged about 38 years,
Son of Bore Gowda,
R/at. # 96/1, Ground Floor, 4th Main Road, 2nd Cross, BSV Reddy Layout,
Ramamurthynagar, Bangalore-560016

Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.2,68,090/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Ninety Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby sommened to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH- 11), in person or by a pleader on the **17th Day of August 2022 at 11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 2nd day of July 2022.

By Order of the Court
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M.KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No.4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client is negotiating to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein with its Owner, who claim to be the owner of the SCHEDULE PROPERTY having acquired the same in terms of Sale Deed, dated: 01.04.2017, registered as Document No.1/2017-18 of Book I, stored in BTMD108 registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, BTM Layout, Bangalore.

In this regard, the Owner has represented to my client that they are the absolute owner of the Schedule Property having exclusive possession thereof and that they have neither conveyed nor have entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person/s for sale/ transfer/ development /assignment of the Schedule Property. The Owner further represented to my client that Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, mortgage, charge, lien, litigation, acquisition, or requisition. My client now intends to purchase the Schedule Property on the basis of the representations made by the Owner and in this regard, any person (s) or financial institution (s) ascertaining any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof and in any manner whatsoever against the Schedule Property based on the documents pertaining to the Schedule Property or objecting for the proposed sale may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client as the same shall be deemed to have been waived and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature to the proposed transaction/ Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Land bearing Plot No.24 in Sy No.14, situated at Keonics, Electronic City, Within the village limits of Konappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Presently bearing Village Panchayath Katha No.309, ELCITA PID No. 74, in all measuring about 3682.61 square meters along with un-finished building constructed thereon consisting 2 Basements + GF + 10 upper floors and bounded as under; **East by :** 12 Mtrs Main Road; **West by :** Shop Site Nos.1 and 2, **North by :** 30 Mtrs Road, **South by :** Plot bearing No.25.

Roopa Shetty, Advocate
LEX SITUS, No. 810, BILWAPRIYA PLATINA 2nd Floor, 27th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector 1, Bengalore-560102. Ph: 080-22583563, 9902026199. Email: info@lexsitus.com

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Mysore – 570023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (SINGLE/TWO COVER SYSTEM) NO.03/2022-23/DATED: 30-06-2022

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Mysore invites tender in co-ordination with e-procurement portal platform, Bangalore. The contractors registered in CPWD/KPWD/WRDO/PRED and any other Government Organisation and compulsorily enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department (Registered in PRED need not enrolled) and eligible for CLASS -4 & above Contractors. Tender format as per KW-1, 2, 3 & 4 through e-procurement under the Different Head of Account. The work consist of Building construction/ Repair/Maintenance, etc. works. These works of **Rs.3.30 lakhs to Rs.250.00 Lakhs, total 5 works.** Out of 5 one work is reserved for SC and one work is reserved for ST EMD Amount Rs.25,000/- and Rs.4,125/- and for General 3 works reserved and EMD Rs.1,25,000/- to Rs.3,75,000/-. Short Term Tender invited in Single/Two Cover System. Date of application submission for tender document and submission of filled tender through online **Date: 08.07.2022 to 27.07.2022 upto 16.00 hours.** Last date for clarifications/ queries on tender **Date: 26.07.2022 upto 16.00 Hours**. If possible the date of opening of technical bid of the tender **Date: 28.07.2022 after 17.00 hours**. After the approval of Technical bid the Financial Bid will be opened. Tender Form Fee: As per e-procurement. For more details visit website: htpp://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Mysore (Ph: 0821-2560853) during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRED Division, Mysore

DIPR/DO-MYS/MCA/209/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.EEP/e-tender/A2/330 Date: 02.07.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement Portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under **"GOODS"** category on 22.06.2022 & 29.06.2022 & 02.07.2022 as per RTPS requirements. Consolidated Procurement of **1.** RTPS/MRP21/G/21-22/3893/CALL-2, SS Plate For All Projects of KPCL. EMD: **Rs. 1,69,000/-. 2.** RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4181/CALL-2, Current, Voltage & Power Transducers. EMD: **Rs. 5,190/-. 3.** RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4124/CALL-2, Safety Items Like Heat Detector & Manual Call Point. EMD: **Rs. 2,500/-. 4.** RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4182/CALL-2, Digital Multimeter, Pitot Tube etc., EMD: **Rs. 38,590/-. 5.** RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4140/CALL-2, I&C Spares Like Switches, Timers etc. EMD: **Rs. 12,000/-. 6.** RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4136/CALL-2, Computer Spares. EMD: **Rs. 5,800/-. 7.** RTPS/MRP81/G/21-22/1607/CALL-4, 60kg PSC BG Sleepers. EMD: **Rs. 4,800/-. 8.** RTPS/MRP62/G/21-22/1411/CALL-4, Stacker/Reclaimer-3 Hydraulic Spares for CHP. EMD: **Rs. 6386/-. 9.** RTPS/MRP62/G/21-22/1422/CALL-4, Oil Seal for Coal Handling Plant. EMD: **Rs. 11,892/-. 10.** RTPS/MRP52/G/21-22/3782/CALL-2, Mill Reject Handling System Spares EMD: **Rs. 33,350/-. 11.** RTPS/MRP52/G/21-22/3774/CALL-2, Filter Elements For Mill. EMD: **Rs. 8,545/-. 12.** RTPS/MRP52/G/21-22/3726/CALL-2, Washers, Shims & Strainers for Boiler Maintenance. EMD: **Rs.5,000/-. 13.** RTPS/ MRP54/G/21-22/ 4029/CALL-3, Pipes & Fittings. EMD: **Rs. 24,370/-. 14.** RTPS/ MRP29/G/21-22/ 3926/CALL-2, Tools. EMD: **Rs. 33,365/-. 15.** RTPS/MRP63/G/21-22/4054/CALL-3, Four Way Valves, NRVs. EMD: **Rs. 4,465/-. 16.** RTPS/MRP63/G/21-22/4046/CALL-3, Four Way Valve, Plug Vlave. EMD: **Rs. 9,545/-. 17.** RTPS/MRP52/G/21-22/3764/CALL-3, Power Poles, Relays, Contactors, etc., EMD: **Rs. 6,800/-. 18.** EEP/ET/EE(P)/RTPS/22-23/168, Lamps, Fittings & Accessories for CHP. EMD: **Rs. 6,200/-.** Last date for the receipt of tenders: **11.07.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 18. **14.07.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 7, **16.07.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 13, **18.07.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 8,9,11&12. **19.07.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 10. **20.07.2022, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 14 & 15. **21.07.2022, 17:30Hrs.** for Sl. No. 1 to 6, 16 & 17. Note: Sl . No. 9 & 18 are on Short Term Tender Basis. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Purchase), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur District,** Mobile No.: **94495 96527.** E-mail: **eeprtps@gmail.com.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is proposed to purchase the Property bearing No. 573/594, of the Layout formed by Writers and Artists' House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., Situated at Girinagar, Avalahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the Administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Municipal No. 573, 11th "A" Cross, Grinagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore, having **Khata P/D No. 54-228-573,** measuring **East to West:** 50 feet, **North to South:** 30 feet, totally measuring about 1500 Square feet, together with 1300 Sq. feet, House Standing thereon, and bounded on; **East by :** 30 Feet Road; **West by :** Site No. 558; **North by :** Site No. 574; **South by :** Site No. 572

The said Layout formed by Writers and Artists' House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., Situated at Girinagar, Avalahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, the said Site No. 573/594 in the above said Layout has allotted One **Mr. R. Parameswaran,** and said authority has represented by its Secretary had executed absolute sale deed **dated 20/09/1978, registered as No.3604/78-79,** registered in Bangalore South Taluk, then Mr. R. Parameswaran was absolute owner of the Said Property, Subsequently said R. Parameswaran died intestate on 07/08/1995 leaving behind his Wife **Smt. P. Hemavathy, Children's namely Mrs. R. P. Rajeswary, Mr. P. Ganesh Sundar, Mr. P. Shanmuga Sundar and Mr. P. Kumar Sundar,** to succeed his estate/Said property, after Khata transferred in to the name of **Smt. P. Hemavathy,** thereafter Smt. P. Hemavathy had executed Deed of Settlement by 1/4 share in favour of her Children's, under the Deed of Settlement **dated 08/02/2016, registered as No.9156/2015-16,** registered in the office of the Sub registrar Chamarajapete Bangalore, thereafter Mr. P. Ganesh Sundar has executed Release Deed by releasing his entire right, title and interest of the Said property to Mrs. R. P. Rajeswary, Mr. P. Shanmuga Sundar and Mr. P. Kumar Sundar, under Release deed **dated 08/02/2016, registered as document No. 09162/2015-16,** Chamarajapete, Bangalore, hence Mrs. R. P. Rajeswary, Mr. P. Shanmuga Sundar and Mr. P. Kumar Sundar, (Present Owners) are absolute owners of the Said property.

Any persons having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof through sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is/are required to forward their claim to the said property, to the undersigned, along with relevant supporting documents thereof, within 7(Seven) days from this date.

In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims, and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived and a valid and binding conveyance will be executed in my client's favour without any further reference in this regard.

MUNISHAMI REDDY. G. R, Advocate
SHREE G LAW SERVICES
Office at No. 226/87, 1st Floor, Opp BDA Park, Bhuvaneshwarinagar BSK III Stage, Bengaluru-560 085. (M) 9740155591, 9980489785

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr.(M)RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-56/38/2022-23/1245-47 Date: 07.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids for the following work.

Bid Enquiry No.:KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/Strengthening & Heightening of lines/EPR-338 Dtd:06.07.2022 in Combined Package works for heightening and strengthening of Transmission lines passing over Government Schools & Colleges pertaining to TL&SS Division, Kanakapura and Nelamangala on Total turnkey basis coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle.

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **08.07.2022 .**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission (M), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, 220/66/11 KV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-39

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners/khathedhars (i) **SMT.JAYAMMA** W/o late Sri.Thayappa; (ii) **SRI.CHANDRAPPA, SMT.MANJULA and SRI.RAJA** the children of late Sri.Narayanaswamy and **(iii) SRI.KANTHARAJU.K** S/o late Sri.Abbayyappa Urf Muniyappa, residents of Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s, in writing along with the photocopies of documents supporting their objection/s, with the undersigned, **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: (SMT.JAYAMMA W/o late Sri.Thayappa)

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land bearing Sy.No.44/1 (formerly part of Sy.No.44) measuring 1 (One) Acre 7 (Seven) Guntas and ½ (Half) Gunta of Kharab land, situated at Banahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.43
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.46
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.45
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.44/2

Item No.2: (SRI.CHANDRAPPA, SMT.MANJULA and SRI.RAJA the children of late Sri. Narayanaswamy)

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land bearing Sy.No.44/2 (formerly part of Sy.No.44) measuring 1 (One) Acre 7 (Seven) Guntas and ½ (Half) Gunta of Kharab land, situated at Banahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.43
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.46
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.44/1
South by : Land bearing Sy.Nos.44/3 & 44/4

Item No.3: (SRI.KANTHARAJU.K S/o late Sri.Abbayyappa Urf Muniyappa)

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land measuring 35 (Thirty five) Guntas and 3 (Three) Guntas of Kharab land bearing Sy.No.44/4 (formerly part of Sy.No.44), situated at Banahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.43
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.44/3 & 44/5
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.44/2
South by : Mugaluru Village border

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, JUL. 08	
RISE 05:59	SET 18:50
RISE 13:25	SET 00:43
SATURDAY, JUL. 09	
RISE 05:59	SET 18:50
RISE 14:20	SET 01:25
SUNDAY, JUL. 10	
RISE 06:00	SET 18:50
RISE 15:22	SET 02:12

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	28	23
Mysuru	26	20
Bengaluru	24	20

Bengaluru Today
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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Copious rain in July first week helps overcome deficiency

Until July 6, the State had -3% deficiency, an improvement from -22% in June

K.C. DEEPIKA
BENGALURU

Copious amount of rain across Karnataka in the first week of July has helped the State overcome deficient rainfall quantum recorded in June. Until July 6 from June 1, the State has -3% deficiency, which is an improvement from the -22% deficiency for June. In fact, in the first six days of July, Karnataka has recorded 70% above normal rainfall.

This is especially true of two regions that traditionally record heavy rainfall during the southwest monsoon season. Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) data shows that from -48% deficiency in June, Malnad's overall deficiency so far from June 1 to July 6 is now -20%. During the July 1-6 period, the region recorded 64% departure from normal.

Similar is the case with Coastal Karnataka, which is also being battered with heavy rain in the last few days. Recording a 96% departure from normal in the first six days of July, the region has moved from -36% deficiency in June to -8 deficiency for the June 1 to July 6 period. North Interior Karnataka too, which had a -13% deficiency in June, now has -2% deficiency for the season till July 6, with a 59% departure from normal in the July 1-6 period.

On the other hand, South Interior Karnataka, which recorded above normal rainfall during June too (83%), continued to record a similar trend in the second month of the season, with 91% more rain than normal in the first six days of July.

With this, the rainfall map for the state for July 1-6 shows no district with deficient rainfall. As many as 18 districts have large excess rainfall, 11 have received excess rainfall, and two normal rainfall. In June, 10 had deficient rainfall, 13 normal, seven had large excess, and one had excess. From June 1 to July 6, three have deficient rainfall, 18 normal, seven large excess, and three excess. In the July 1-6 period, Bagalkote saw the biggest departure from normal with 208%, followed by Ramanagaram (159%), Chitradurga (155%), Chickballapur and Koppal (141% each).

Rainfall variation

District	June 2022 % departure	July 1 to 6 % departure	June 1 to July 6 % departure
South Interior Karnataka	83	91	84
North Interior Karnataka	-13	59	-2
Malnad	-48	64	-20
Coastal	-36	96	-8
State	-22	70	-3

City chills as temperature dips

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The capital city had a wet Thursday as incessant rain through the day kept the maximum temperature 5 degree Celsius below normal at 23.7 degree Celsius. The minimum temperature was 20.3 degree Celsius - a 0 degree departure. The IMD's observation data at 5.30 p.m. showed that Bengaluru city had received 3 mm rainfall, while Bengaluru International Airport and HAL airport had received 1.8 mm rainfall each. Few spells of light to moderate rain are expected over next two days.

DK landslip: Toll three

Rescue work under way at the landslip site at Panjikallu village of Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada on Wednesday night. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

KARNATAKA BUREAU
MANGALURU/MYSURU

As rains continued to lash coastal Karnataka and parts of south interior Karnataka, Dakshina Kannada, and Udupi district administrations have extend holiday to education institutes till Saturday in view of red alert.

At Dakshina Kannada, a landslip at Mukkuda, Panjikallu village, Bantwal Taluk, claimed three lives. While one had died on Wednesday, two more farm labourers succumbed to their injuries on Thursday.

Dakshina Kannada Superintendent of Police Rishikesh Sonawane said that Bjiu Palakkad, 45, who was caught under the debris, died on the spot on Wednesday.

Of the three other injured labourers, Santhosh Alappuzha, 46, and Babu Kottayam, 46, died due to injuries in a hospital on Thursday. Another injured, Johny Kannur, 44, is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Bantwal.

The four labourers, all from Kerala, were rubber tappers who were staying in a shed when the landslip occurred due to heavy rains on July 6 night.

Meanwhile, there were many reports of roads and low-lying areas being inundated in several parts of the coast.

According to Dakshina Kannada District Disaster Management Authority the district recorded an average 102.8 mm rainfall in 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday. The highest 113.4 mm rainfall was in Sullia taluk.

In Kodagu, Mysuru
In Kodagu, holiday for schools, colleges, and anganwadi centres has been extended following forecast of torrential rain on Friday in view of an orange alert declared for the district. Rain in the range of 115.6 mm to 204.4 mm has been forecast till 8.30 a.m.

The inflow into Kabini dam in Mysuru district has gone up heavy rains in its catchment areas. The dam authorities have issued a flood alert, cautioning the people living on the river-bank to move to safer places as the outflow into the river may go up anytime.

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IN BRIEF

Assumes charge

BENGALURU

K.C. Samuel, philanthropist and chairman of Hindustan Aviation Academy, assumed charge as the International President of Y's Men International at a ceremony at Aarhus, Denmark, on July 5. Dr. Samuel was installed as the International President for the centenary year by Hendry Grindheim, Past International President.

Convict caught with cell phone in prison

The mobile phone and memory card was found in his pocket during frisking

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Security checks at the central prison of Parappana Agrahara has been stepped up ever since videos of the accused in Bajrang Dal activist Harsha's murder case talking over mobile phones and making video calls while in prison went viral. The Chief Superintendent of Prison stepped up security measures and even filed a case against the accused for using mobile phone during Eid to talk to family and friends.

On Tuesday, Karnataka State Industrial Security Force staff deployed at the prison caught a convict trying to get into the prison with a mobile phone and memory card concealed in his pant. The accused, Kamanna K., was being escorted by Ponnampet police to central prison when constable Praveen H.G. of KSISF recovered the mobile phone and memory chip during frisking. The accused, along with the seized items, has been handed over to Chief Superintendent of Prison P.R. Ramesh, who filed a case with the jurisdictional police.

Earlier on Sunday, the Electronics City division police, along with the prison staff, conducted joint operations and searched the barracks and inmates, including the high-security section.

As many as nine inmates, including convicts and undertrials, were caught with ₹97,270 cash, four knives, five scissors, a SIM card, and a memory card.

Inspector, PSI suspended
An inspector and his junior attached to Kalasipalya police station were suspended for not taking action against a rowdy who was running an extortion racket from prison. Despite complaints, when no action was taken, the complainant approached DGP prisons, who informed city Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy. He ordered CCB to take up the case while suspending the duo for lapse in duty.

"PI Kalasipalya Chetan Kumar and PSI Prasanna Kumar are suspended by Commissioner of Police for not registering an FIR and leaving the accused without legal action. The accused were associates of rowdy Bombay Saleem who is in Dharwad jail," Lakshman Nimbargi, DCP, West Division, said.

State sees 1,053 COVID cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Thursday recorded 1,053 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,76,053. The day's TPR stood at 3.88%. With zero deaths, the toll remained 40,080.

Rowdy held for peddling drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The narcotics wing of the Central Crime Branch on Thursday arrested a rowdy-sheeter and recovered 1 kg each of hashish oil and marijuana worth ₹80 lakh from him. Muddassir, a resident of Commercial Street having over half-a-dozen criminal cases pending against him, was caught red-handed while he was waiting to deliver the drugs to clients in K.R. Puram, the police said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client **SMT. SHAMITHA.P.SHETTY**, aged about 55 years, wife of late Sri.Prafulla Chandra Shetty, residing at No.289, 15th Main, R M V Extension, Bangalore-560080 has represented to me that she is the owner of the agricultural lands comprised in several Survey Nos of Uchalagollahalli Village, Thondebhavi Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District which are more particularly described in the Schedule here under. My client further informs me that the original documents of title including the original of the sale deeds executed and registered in favour of her husband late Sri. Prafulla Chandra Shetty as listed below and connected records in respect of the Schedule lands are not traceable and inspite of her best efforts, she is unable to retrieve the same till date. In this regard, my client had lodged a complaint with the Inspector of Police, Sadashivanagar Police Station, Bangalore on 30/06/2022 vide Lost Report No.0257714/2022.If any one were to trace all or more of the said original title deeds and connected records, they are called upon to deliver the same to the undersigned within a period of ten days from the date of this notice. If any person/s were to deal with the said original title deeds other than with the aforesaid owner, such transactions will not bind the aforesaid owner or the Schedule Property and such person/s will be doing so at his/her/their own risk and cost and further appropriate legal proceedings will be initiated against such person/s.

Details of the Sale Deed in Original as indicated above

1. Sale deed dated 28/12/2006 executed by Sri. T.Krishnamurthy and his brother Sri.Muniyappa in favour of Sri.Prafulla Chandra Shetty which has been duly registered as Document No.GBD-1-03109/2006-07 in Book – I, stored in CD No.GBD 17 with the Sub-Registrar, Gowribidanuru on 08/02/2007
2. Sale deed dated:17/02/2007 executed by Sri.S.J.Prakash as Vendor and Sri.C. Venkataramanappa as Confirming Party in favour of Mr.Prafulla Chandra Shetty, which has been registered as Document No.GBD-1-03201/2006-07 in Book – I, stored in CD No.GBDD 17 with the Sub-Registrar, Gowribidanuru on 19/02/2007
3. Sale deed dated:17/02/2007 execute by Sri.S.J.Prakash as Vendor and Sri.C. Venkataramana as Confirming Party in favour of Sri.Prafulla Chandra Shetty, which has been duly registered as Document No.GBD-1-03200/2006-07 in Book – I, stored in CD No.GBDD with the Sub-Registrar, Gowribidanuru on 19/02/2007
4. Sale deed dated:17/02/2007 executed by Sri.S.J.Prakash as Vendor and Sri.C. Venkataramana as Confirming Party in favour of Sri.Prafulla Chandra Shetty which has been duly registered as Document No.GBD-1-03202/2006-07 in Book – I, stored in CD No.GBDD 17 with the Sub-Registrar, Gowribidanuru

SCHEDULE

Agricultural Lands located in **Uchalagollahalli Village and Hanumenahalli Village, Thondebhavi Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District and Arkunda Village, Manchenahalli Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.**

Sl.No	Survey No.	Total Extent in Acre-Guntz
1	7/1	1-20
2	7/2	2-02
3	11/1	5-29
4	19(New No 19/1)	2-00
5	36/4	2-05
6	39	3-35
7	111/1-Hanumenahalli Village	5-11½
8	61/1A-Arkunda Village	2-00

N. Gowtham Raghunath, Advocate,
Lakshmy Iyengar Associates
Office at: #203, 2nd Floor, Brigade Business Suites, 444, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, 100 Feet Road, Ashoka Pillar, Bangaluru -560 011. Ph No. 7204754954
Email:lakshmyiyengar.associates@gmail.com
Date: 07.07.2022

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invites Short Term Tender from the eligible contractors who are empanelled & also willing to empanel in Karnataka Housing Board through E-Procurement for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 16.07.2022 up to 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of work
1	Development works at KHB colony Panjanahalli village 3rd phase in Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 994 & IFT No. 76/2022-23, Date: 06.07.2022. Amount put to tender: Rs.1,48,67,468/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077, website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1259/AKAR/22-23

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Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246 Fax : 080-22215602

No. GETHNAA/ES/135-1/2021-22 **Date: 07.07.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
E-Procurement Portal

The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001. Karnataka, India invites tenders for Supply of Aqua Sports equipments to gethnaa through E-Procurement Portal.

Particulars : Supply of Aqua sports equipments to gethnaa. **Tender Amount :** Rs.90.00 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.1,80,000. **Last date to bid :** 12.07.2022, 16.00 Hrs. **Technical bid opening date :** 13.07.2022, 16.30 Hrs.

The tender shall be submitted through E-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Venders need to register in the E-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the E-Procurement Portal. Opening of Commercial Offers: will be intimated. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/1267/AKAR/22-23

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S. No.	Date	Day	Timing	About the band / artist
1.	7th July	Thursday	07:00 - 10:00PM	An Indian based percussion band from Bangalore, Swahaa is a potpourri of Latin grooves, Samba, Reggae and Indian Folk music. Constituted by African percussion instruments in combination with Indian classical instruments, this band blends beat music with Indian folk music. Performance Style: Liquid drumming, beat boxing, Brazilian Samba, Indian Folk, Western drumming, Punjabi, Latin grooves, Reggae , South Indian folk.
2.	8th July	Friday	07:00 - 10:00PM	Table for 4 has been making waves for showcasing incredible teenage talent, with a 13-year old drummer, who has also mastered percussions such as Dholak and Cajon.
3.	8th July	Friday	10:00PM - 01:00AM	Shivangi, a young, talented vocalist specialising in several genres including Soul, Classic Rock, Bollywood, Pop, Retro, Country, and Semi Classical. She has become popular for her performances in Bangalore and Goa.
4.	9th July	Saturday	07:00 - 10:00PM	A 4-piece Bollywood themed band, BoomRang has gained popularity with shows across Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad.
5.	10th July	Sunday	07:00 - 10:00PM	An ace flautist who has been performing for over a decade, overseas as well as in India, Rakesh Dath has over 1500 shows to his credit. He is an active part of multiple bands like Beat Gurus, Anamya Bhat Collective, and Brainbow, and has performed with noteworthy musicians like Vijay Prakash, Remo, Darshan Doshi and many more.

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FIVE YEARS OF RERA IN KARNATAKA

Homebuyers on shaky ground as K-RERA yet to build a strong foundation

Long way to go before it can be said the authority has succeeded in professionalising real estate sector to achieve aims of the Act, say property owners

A bird's-eye view of the southern parts of Bengaluru city. There is considerable resentment among property buyers regarding shortcomings in the real estate sector. • K. MURALI KUMAR

K.C. DEEPIKA
BENGALURU

Ananth (name changed on request) was looking to buy a house in 2014, when he came across an apartment complex on Begur Road which looked like it was nearing completion. Assuming it would be ready in six months or so, he invested over ₹43 lakh and moved in in 2015.

Cut to 2022, and he says, "Of the nine floors, the last floor is still incomplete. The lift does not have a licence and is running on god's grace. One block, for which the sanctioned plan was given for a residential building, has been converted into a commercial space now. There is no maintenance whatsoever." Ironically, the project, which was started in 2010, was to be completed in 2012.

Tired of the builder's indifference, in 2020, the association approached Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA). "We expected a resolution in six months and came to a near judgement last March. Then the judge changed, and the new judge wanted to hear the case again. The builder did not appear in the first hearing, the judge said within a certain deadline, all certificates needed to be presented. That obviously didn't happen as they did not even have a commencement certificate. After that, everything went silent. No dates were given for our hearings, there was no response to calls, and the chairman met us and said he will get back to us shortly. That was the end of it," said Mr. Ananth.

Today, residents of the occupied flats are living in a complex with incomplete buildings, some of which have seen one coat of whitewash, an STP with no approval, and a general lack of amenities. What has angered them further is that the same promoter has got two new projects registered with K-RERA.

Role of K-RERA

It was after a long fight by home buyers that the RERA Act of 2016 was implemented in Karnataka in May 2017. On July 10, RERA in Karnataka completes five years as the Karnataka Real Estate (Regulations ad Developments) Rules were notified on that day in 2017. However, home buyers say there is still a long way to go before we can truly say the K-RERA has succeeded in reforming and professionalising the real estate sector to achieve the objectives of the Act.

At present, the authority has received a total of 6,906 complaints, of which 3,381 have been disposed of. In addition to delay in possession, lack of relevant registration and documents and incomplete amenities, home buyers have also had to deal with other problems such as mismanagement of funds.

Only last month, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) arrested Sushil P. Mantri, director of the Mantri Developers Pvt. Ltd., under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, after initiating investigation in March 2022 on the basis of an FIR registered in Subramanyapura police station in 2020 against the company and its directors and other employees.

Money-laundering cases

Many home buyers had filed complaints with the police and with the ED alleging that the accused entities/ persons were involved in money laundering and had induced prospective buyers with rosily painted schemes, misleading brochures, falsification of delivery timelines and collected more than ₹1,000 crore as advance money from thousands of buyers. They had also alleged that they had not been given possession of their flats even after passing of seven to 10 years.

More recently, the ED provisionally attached 16 immovable properties belonging to Dreamz Infra India Ltd., TGS Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Disha Choudhary, MD of Dreamz Infra India Ltd, Mandeep Kaur, MD of TGS Constructions Pvt. Ltd and other related persons/entities in connection with the ponzi investment scheme run by them. In this case too, the ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of more than 125 FIRs registered in Bengaluru against the accused companies and individuals for allegedly duping investors by taking huge deposits promising affordable apartments in and around the city. The ED had said from 2011-12 to 2016-17, the accused entities/persons collected more than ₹ 722 crore from more than 10,299 customers and misappropriated the said funds for their own benefits and cheated customers without handing over the flats and without refunding the deposit amounts to them.

Investment fund

Santosh Patil, who had invested in a Mantri property on Kanakpura Road, which was launched in 2015, could finally see possession of his house, but not because of K-RERA. Their project received the SWAMIH Investment Fund I, a special window for completion of construction of affordable and mid-income housing projects cleared by the Union Cabinet. "Among their projects, this was the one that got the fund and is nearing completion. We are hoping the OC will come soon," he said.

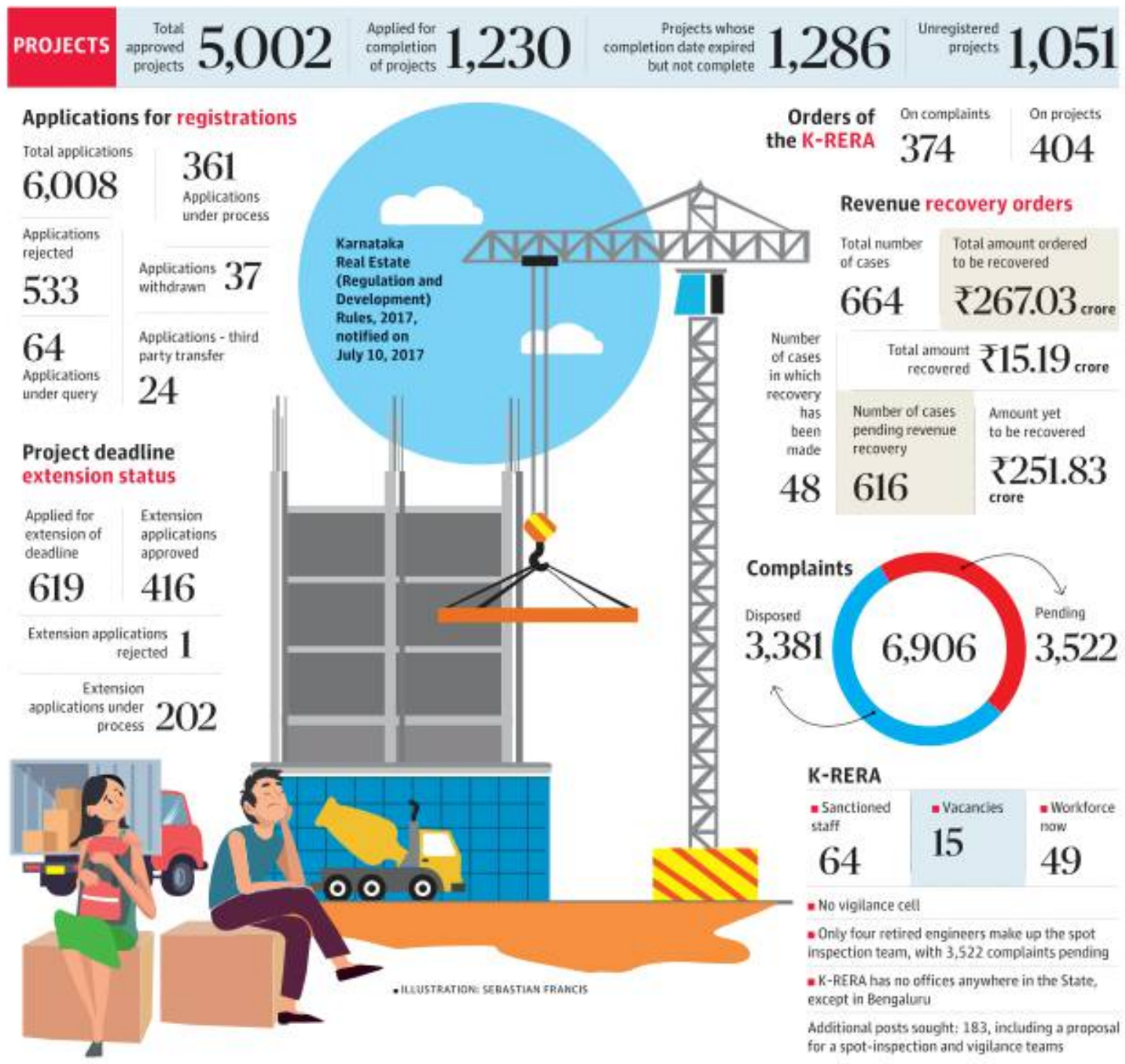
"From the K-RERA perspective, there are a lot of projects are stuck, many cases have been filed against lack of progress, completion and mismanagement of funds. But there is no action from K-RERA. In the last two years, hearings and judgements have become far and few. Case are piling up," he added.

For home buyers, the long wait is a taxing one mentally, physically and financially. M.S. Shankar, general secretary, Forum for People's Collective Efforts (FPCE) – formerly Fight for RERA, said apart from the enforcement of RERA Act as per its intent by the Authority being a concern, the government has never reviewed the functioning of the Regulatory Authority and Tribunal appointed by them. "One thing that stands out very clearly is that the legal framework aimed at empowering homebuyers of the country has been further fortified through various decisions of the apex court and other judicial forums. This corroborates the fact that the angst of homebuyers, being cheated at the hands of builders with their life's savings was not only sensed by the Executive and the Legislature but also by our Judiciary. This is the biggest success of RERA," he said.

He pointed out that the real estate sector is a long way away from being rid of malpractices.

"It is only of late that the Regulatory Authorities and the Appellate Tribunals are asserting the powers vested with them under the Act. The pre-condition of deposit for filing appeals by the builders was conceptualised in the law to be a deterrent to ensure builders don't conjure up filing appeals just to avoid regulatory orders. This is a huge win for the homebuyers hoping early resolution of dispute," he added.

The responsibility to restore trust in the sector and confidence of the prospective homebuyers lies squarely on the shoulders of the regulatory authorities and the government, he said. "It should be the endeavour of all the regulatory authorities to be proactive and not to only react. They should develop mechanism of intelligent inputs system by which they can intervene in projects well on time and bring them back on track before it's too late, including spot checks to ensure all promised facilities and amenities are provided. This would also help avoid unnecessary litigation," pointed out Mr. Shankar.


PROJECTS
Total approved projects 5,002
Applied for completion of projects 1,230
Projects whose completion date expired but not complete 1,286
Unregistered projects 1,051
Applications for registrations
Total applications 6,008
361 Applications under process
Applications rejected 533
Applications withdrawn 37
64 Applications under query
Applications - third party transfer 24
Karnataka Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017, notified on July 10, 2017
Orders of the K-RERA
On complaints 374
On projects 404
Revenue recovery orders
Total number of cases 664
Total amount ordered to be recovered ₹267.03 crore
Number of cases in which recovery has been made 48
Total amount recovered ₹15.19 crore
Number of cases pending revenue recovery 616
Amount yet to be recovered ₹251.83 crore
Project deadline extension status
Applied for extension of deadline 619
Extension applications approved 416
Extension applications rejected 1
Extension applications under process 202
Complaints
Disposed 3,381
6,906
Pending 3,522
K-RERA
Sanctioned staff 64
Vacancies 15
Workforce now 49
No vigilance cell
Only four retired engineers make up the spot inspection team, with 3,522 complaints pending
K-RERA has no offices anywhere in the State, except in Bengaluru
Additional posts sought: 183, including a proposal for a spot-inspection and vigilance teams
ILLUSTRATION: SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

With skeletal staff and lax implementation of its orders, does regulatory authority lack bite?

K-RERA is yet to achieve full potential as an effective ombudsman of the critical real estate sector

K.V. ADITYA BHARADWAJ
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Five years after the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) was set up, the State government seems to have caged it in many ways, not allowing the institution to grow to its full potential as an effective ombudsman of the critical real-estate sector.

K-RERA has only one office in the entire State, in Bengaluru, and is working with a skeletal staff of barely 49 persons against a sanctioned strength of 64 and 15 vacancies. There have been 6,906 complaints made to K-RERA, of which 3,522 are pending, and there are only four retired engineers to carry out spot inspections.

While it is supposed to penalise any project selling flats, plots without registration with K-RERA, the authority is not able to do this effectively because it has no vigilance cell at all. The list of 1,051 unregistered projects it has on its website is culled out from media advertisements and there has been no enforcement on them, except alerting homebuyers that they are not registered with the authority.

"We need well-staffed spot inspection and vigilance teams to function effectively. We have sought an additional sanctioned strength of 183, which will include technical staff as well," said a senior K-RERA official. However, the government is yet to provide them all the resources the authority needs to be effective.

Delay in hearing complaints

One of the major complaints against K-RERA was the delay in hearing of complaints. "There was only one bench hearing cases in the authority till recently, creating a backlog. But after clearing a legal hurdle, the authority now has six benches with three K-RERA members and at least 3 benches will be hearing cases every day – 60-80 cases are being heard everyday," said Ibrahmim Maigur, secretary, K-RERA said. He also said K-RERA recently held two Lok Adalats – on March 12 and June 25 – clearing a total of 398 cases and ordering a compensation of ₹13.8 crore to home buyers in two days.

However, what seems to have taken away the bite of K-RERA is the lax implementation of its orders. K-RERA orders mostly award monetary compensation to home buyers by levying penalties on promoters or developers, which they often don't end up paying, forcing the authority to seek "revenue recovery" – district deputy commissioners initiate seizure and auction procedures of assets to recover the penalty levied. However, with inordinate delays in revenue recovery by DCs either due to stay orders from courts or red tape and laxity in implementation of the K-RERA orders, the authority seems to have lost some bite.

K-RERA has issued "revenue recovery" orders in 664 cases totalling to ₹267.03 crore, of which only ₹15.19 crore has been recovered in 48 cases as on March 31, 2022 and the recovery of a whopping ₹251.83 crore is pending in 616 cases.

"Since most of these revenue recovery cases are in Bengaluru (Urban) district, it would help K-RERA if there is a dedicated division created in the district administration for revenue recovery cases," said Mr. Maigur.

PLAY ON CLAY

With a focus on improved eating habits, there seems to be a parallel rise in pottery sales

:: ADLINE BHAWNA MINJ

A place in the heart of the city that still oozes rustic charm and reminds one of the bygone times is Pottery Town in Bengaluru which is home to generations of clay workers. As it is off-season – when they are not working on making idols and clay items for festivals – only *biryani* bowls and tea *kulhads* were seen fresh off the wheel, baking in the sun on the porch of every house.

Rajshekar (45) who has been a potter for more than 15 years and is representing the fifth generation of his family in the profession, spoke about the business and how clay cookware is seeing a resurgence. He says, "The pottery business depends on the market's demands. Currently, there is a demand for *biryani* bowls, *kulhads* (handle-less clay mugs) and *lassi* glasses both by five-star hotels and pocket-friendly restaurants. Bengaluru needs 50,000 *kulhads* a day and I make around 1,000 daily."

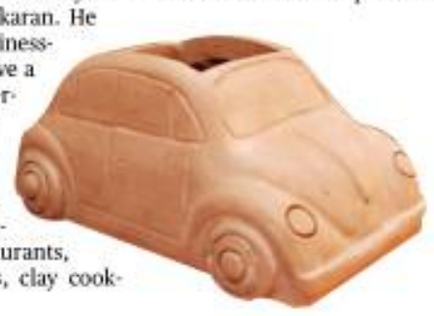
Rajshekar, a master craftsman started his career making pots for a popular food chain; at the time clay pots were mostly used by hotels and restaurants for sweets.

Shaping up Rajshekar has been a potter for more than 15 years; some of the innovations at Potter's Town • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Once a regular in every home, clay cookware went into a decline but has seen a huge surge in the past few years. Clay pots not only enhance the flavour of food, but are also said to add minerals such as calcium, phosphorus, sulphur, and magnesium, to a dish.

Dinakaran (43) left his corporate job 15 years ago to pursue his passion for pottery. "Customers run the business, so I provide whatever they demand," says Dinakaran. He believes that a businessperson should have a thorough understanding of both the business and the clients.

The current market needs tandoors for restaurants, *kulhads* for cafes, clay cookware for household needs, and customised products. He also includes clay refrigerators and clay compost bins in his pottery collection. Dinakaran claims that after the pandemic as people began to utilise clay items again, the pottery industry began to revive and is in a better position than it was before COVID-19.



Chandrashekhar (44), who is also carrying on the family heritage, had a magnificent collection of car-shaped and human-head planters. He, too, bases his business on the needs of his customers and idol sculptors.

Many potters feel business has boomed after COVID-19 as individuals grew more health-conscious and strove to improve their eating habits. On a larger scale, as people try to combat global warming by planting trees and nurturing indoor plants, potters contribute to the cause by creating a variety of exquisite, eco-friendly planters that entice customers to have as many plants as possible in their homes.

POTTERY WARE IN INDIA

Longpi: Called Longpi Ham in Manipur, this pottery is made from a paste of ground black serpentinite stone and brown clay. Shaped by hand, without use of a wheel, the pots are sun dried and polished with the leaves of a regionally-grown tree called Chiron.

Molela: This style of pottery flourished along the River Banas in Rajasthan and became famous for its terracotta plaques. Artisans have now branched out into creating pottery and jewellery as well. Soft, dry clay is beaten and sieved before being moulded. The final product turns fiery red when baked or a shiny black if fired in a closed kiln.

Bishnupur: This famous style of pottery from West Bengal using burnt or baked soil, can be traced to the eighth century from Panchmura village in Bishnupur, prospering under the Malla dynasty. Artisans initially gained fame for creating their signature long-necked horses and terracotta temple tiles, but have since turned to fashioning home decor items and pottery to survive.

Listen up

Ahum trust presents a two-day Carnatic vocal concert on July 9 at 6 pm at Swastika School of Dance and Music, GKVK Layout Jakkur. The evening will feature artiste Sudha Raghuraman, who started her training under her father, the late OS Sridhar and her grandfather OV Subramaniam. She is also a violinist, trained by the late Sh V Janaki Raman. Tickets are priced at ₹ 300, which will be available on bookmyshow.

How green is my kitchen?

Nidhi Sogani Nahata, founder of a plant-based restaurant Justbe Resto Café, will conduct an offline cooking class – 'Healthy Self, Heal Thy Self'. She will be joined in by Vimki Giria, and the class will focus on plant-based dishes.
Sugar-free chocolate mousse and plant-based curd are some of the dishes you will get to learn to make. The class will be held between noon and 3 pm on July 9 at Justbe Resto Cafe. Fee is ₹ 2,500. Call 8884163061 for details.

Laugh out loud

Gear up for a laughter session with stand up comedian, writer, and improv artiste RajaSekhar Mamidanna. With over 700 performances, the Hyderabad-based comedian promises to keep you in splits at the Amphitheater on the premises of 'Fox on Stage' on July 10 at 7.30 pm.
Book your tickets on https://bit.ly/3a2LSUY

A medley of art

'Medley 2' at Chitrakala Parishath is an art exhibition by three artists – Atoshi Shyam, KT Arun, Deepak Joshi. The works are a medley of themes, styles and emotions according to the artists.
The show will be on till July 14 between 11 am and 7 pm.

DJ from above

Gear up for a dramatised reading of Falk Richter's *God is a DJ !* this weekend

After a great start last week, the German Spotlight 2022 chugs on with the dramatised reading of the play *God is a DJ!*.

Written by Falk Richter and translated into English by Maja Zade, this is the second reading in this year's German Spotlight. Directed by Surabhi J Herur, the reading will feature Priya Venkataraman and Sambhaji Sasane. *God is a DJ* is set in a studio-flat, similar to the work-from-home scenario and follows two individuals, He and She, who are under contract to sell videotaped segments of their lives to be live streamed at art galleries at a lucrative price.

"*God is a DJ* brought up questions around how we consume art – how intrinsic our lives are to the art we make and vice versa. How much value is given to the witnessing of art, for it to come into being," says Surabhi, a theatre practitioner, filmmaker, writer and facilitator.

Her work centres around themes of invisibility, access and privilege, and the constructs that influence them. She has a considerable body of theatrical work to her name, in performance as well as in other areas of theatre making; and documentary films that cover a range of subjects, from gender to sustainability to social justice.

German Spotlight was conceived to popularise contemporary German drama in translation and brings together theatre-makers and afficionados to create dramatised, rehearsed readings for local audiences. It is a collaboration between Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore and Sandbox Collective.

The reading will be held on July 9 at 6.30 pm at Max Mueller Bhavan. The event is open to all.

Seeking answers Director Surabhi J Herur • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

FRIDAYREVIEW

Pride, prejudice and apologies

'Hold the Mushrooms' by Binoy Mohan, to be staged by Jagriti Theatre in Bengaluru, is a lighthearted take on family feuds

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

We are family The cast of 'Hold the Mushrooms' at rehearsal • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"In many of the plays I've seen, if it is a drama it tends to be very serious, and if it is a comedy it tends to be an all-out laugh riot," says Binoy Mohan, talking about his debut work, *Hold the Mushrooms*. "While I enjoy them, I haven't seen too many plays where heavy topics are dealt with a touch of humour. I wanted to write a play like that."

Binoy, who started working on this play in 2018, says he wrote the middle of the play first, fleshing out the characters as they evolved from that point in the story. "As it took shape, I was able to depict their back story without the sole use of dialogue. I completed it towards the end of 2019 and took the script to Arundhati Raja of Jagriti Theatre who was interested in directing the play. She suggested some changes which I incorporated," he says, adding that its production got held up due to the pandemic.

Talking about *Hold the Mushrooms*, Binoy says he wanted to set it in an environment that was familiar to him. "That's why it is a story about a family – a father, mother and their daughter. I didn't want it to be autobiographical or based on my life; it was just my understanding of how these characters would react in a particular situation. Since it was my debut, I wanted to keep the settings familiar, even if the story was not."

This family-based dramedy centres around deep-seated biases most people may not even realise they harbour

Hold the Mushrooms, is a family-based dramedy that centres around deep-seated biases most people may not even realise they harbour, says the Bengaluru-based, banker-turned-entrepreneur. "One of the characters, though seemingly liberal in outlook, is surprisingly prejudiced when it comes to personal biases. Most people will be able to relate to the play and its characters. Though serious in theme, the humour will keep the audience from feeling overwhelmed."

'Hold the Mushrooms,' will be staged on July 8, 9 and 10 at Jagriti Theatre. Tickets available on bookmyshow.com

Junkyard groove

Bangalore Creative Circus, opened in Yeshwanthpur last October, comprises a community art space, a restaurant and an experimental garden

:: PRAVEEN SUDEVAN

There is a photo at the Bangalore Creative Circus of what it used to be. A 20,000 sq ft warehouse of near-nothingness. The warehouse, the photo informs us, was used as a steel factory, as a labour housing facility, and then as a stockyard for tiles.

When you turn around from this photo, the sweeping view of Bangalore Creative Circus strikes you. It now has a community art space, a restaurant, a museum, a garden with space for permaculture, aquaponics, hydroponics, and mushroom cultivation, an art gallery, a soundroom, an artist's workshop among other things. The most striking of all is a giant dirty-grey metallic seahorse hung from the ceiling. It is made of discarded AC ducts, some tapes, a non-functional motorbike silencer, and other pieces of scrap. The seahorse serves as a fitting symbol for the place, which seeks to propagate "a regenerative culture of living."

Don't scrap it Most of Bangalore Creative Circus's interiors, including the seahorse sculpture (right) are repurposed from discarded material • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ajay Raghavan and Manisha Vinod watched the National Geographic documentary, *Before The Floods*, sometime after its release. Sustainability, which was until then just a topic of interest, became a pressing issue Ajay and Manisha decided to tackle. The couple quit their then jobs to find a space for art, science, climate action, and sustainability.

Within a few days of the search, they found the space they were looking for at the Yeshwanthpur Industrial Area. Ajay, Manisha, with the other co-founders started renovating the warehouse towards the end of 2019. The place was ready by last October. "All thanks to the artists and architects who worked with us," says Ajay.

Since Bangalore Creative Circus wanted to embody the spirit of sustainability and public participation, the team came up with the idea of running a social media campaign, asking people to give away things they didn't need. "Bike headlights, old number plates... The idea was to use material that people otherwise think of as scrap to make our interiors," says Ajay. As Manisha puts it, they pieced it together like a jigsaw puzzle. The energy waste is minimal too. The restaurant, run by chef Nayantara Bagla, gets its greens from the in-house garden. "About 30% of the ingredients are sourced from here," adds Manisha.

Advocates of sustainable living in Indian cities belong to privileged sections of the society, more often than not. Ajay and Manisha wish to change that with their place. Inclusivity, they say, is on top of their agenda. "Which is why, anyone can access the space for free," adds Manisha.

"In addition, we try to translate whatever English content we have, at least in Kannada. We did a thrift market here, particularly catering to the sex workers and transgender community by working with an NGO. Then, we held a session for the children of domestic workers belonging to the Domestic Workers Union."

The name, makes it more welcoming. Says Ajay. "The interest was always Bangalore, which explains the first part of the name. 'Creative' because that is the approach we wanted to take to tackle the problems of the city. 'Circus' because we wanted it to be a place for mavericks and out-of-the-box thinkers who wanted to solve these problems."

Submit report on probe done against IPS officer, HC tells CBI

This is in connection with the role of Seemant Kumar Singh in illegal mining cases as he had served as Superintendent of Police in Ballari during 2010

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to submit a report on the investigations carried out against Seemant Kumar Singh, Additional Director-General of Police (Anti-Corruption Bureau), in connection with his role in illegal mining cases as he had served as the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Ballari during 2010.

Justice H.P. Sandesh issued the direction after the State government counsel informed the court that the CBI had conducted searches at his residence and offices during 2013 in connection with the illegal mining cases but it had not made any recommendations against Mr. Singh and the seized materials were returned to him.

Service records sought

The court, during an earlier hearing on July 4, had summoned Mr. Singh's service records after pointing out that he and the ACB had failed to arraign J. Manjunath, then Deputy Commissioner of

Bengaluru Urban district, in a bribery case despite having sufficient material, till the court found fault with their inaction.

The government counsel also pointed out that an inquiry report submitted by a senior officer of the government had reference to allegation of collection of bribe for the then SP of Ballari, the denial of such allegations by certain individuals.

Also, the court noted an observation in the report indicating that no in-depth inquiry was conducted into the role of the officers posted in Ballari during 2009-10.

Meanwhile, the court made it clear that the Superintendent of Police, CBI, will have to appear in person if the report of investigation carried out against Mr. Singh is not submitted to the court by next date of hearing on July 11. Mr. Justice Sandesh, during the hearing on July 4, had orally disclosed that there was a 'threat' after he questioned the functioning of the ACB while also questioning whether the ACB's ADGP [Mr. Singh] was "so powerful".

Singh wants remarks expunged

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

ADGP (ACB) Seemant Kumar Singh on Thursday filed a petition before the High Court seeking expunging of remarks made against him and for restraining the judge from either considering his service records or making any remarks against him.

Contending that "unwarranted and baseless" remarks made against him had caused a severe dent to his career, Mr. Singh said in the petition that the Bench could not have made such adverse remarks as he was neither a party to the petition nor the issue was related to his service.

"The petitioner has been condemned without being given any opportunity of being heard and has been declared as guilty without a trial," it has been contended in the petition while arguing that the judge had traversed beyond the scope of bail petition.

Mr. Singh's advocate on Thursday morning mentioned the filing of the petition before a Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi with a request to hear the matter. After ascertaining that it is not an appeal on the order passed by Single Judge but a writ petition, the Bench declined to accept the memo for posting it before the Division Bench.

Mr. Justice Sandesh had said that another judge of the High Court came to him and told him that there was a threat from some person, who is said to have referred to an earlier incident of "transfer of a judge to another district".

'Compelled to monitor probe in bribery case against former Bengaluru Urban DC'

Anti-Corruption Bureau and its head have failed to protect public interest: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday said that it would have to monitor the investigation by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) into the bribery case against J. Manjunath, former Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district, as the ACB and its head had repeatedly failed to protect public interest in not acting against the DC, an IAS officer, despite having materials against him.

FROM THE COURT

The court also pointed out that the DC was arraigned as an accused after Additional Director-General of Police Seemant Kumar Singh, who heads the ACB, was summoned to the court on June 22.

Justice H.P. Sandesh made these observations in the interim order on the petition filed by Mahesh P.S., a deputy tahsildar and an accused in the bribery case.

Cognisable offence

Even after arraigning Mr. Manjunath as an accused, the court said the ACB had only issued notice to him, even though offence alleged is a cognisable one. Moreover, the ACB facilitated Mr. Manjunath to approach the court by filling two separate petitions, questioning arraigning him as an accused and for quashing of the case against him. Finally, Mr. Manjunath was arrested only after he could not get any interim relief from the court, Mr. Justice Sandesh pointed out.

Refusing to accept the ACB's contention that court cannot monitor the investigation in a bail petition, Mr. Justice Sandesh, citing the apex court's verdicts, said that the constitutional courts could monitor the probes in instances like when the investigating agency or its officers fail to show enthusiasm in probe, conduct an improper investigation, fail to take the probe to a logical end, failure of the government to assist the investigating agency, etc.

Closure reports

Observing that the ADGP of the ACB had failed to safeguard the social and public interest, the court said that the ACB even did not provide correct information on the closure reports ('B' reports) filed in corruption cases since the creation of the ACB in 2016 despite an undertaking given by the bureau's counsel.

Though the ACB on Thursday said that it had filed 'B' reports in 99 cases, Mr. Justice Sandesh said that true facts were not stated by the ACB while pointing out that it had wrongly stated that no 'B' report was filed in 2022 even though, as per the court's registry, the ACB did file 'B' reports this year. However, the ACB's counsel said that it had given data of 'B' reports on the basis of year of registration of the case.

While adjourning the further hearing till July 11, the court directed its Registrar (Judicial) to secure the details of 'B' reports filed by the ACB from the trial courts.

He turned a pilgrimage centre into one geared for social service

Veerendra Heggade has been Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala temple since 1968

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

D. Veerendra Heggade, who became the 21st Dharmadhikari of Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala in 1968 at the age of 20, is the first head of a temple from Karnataka to be nominated to the Rajya Sabha.

Mr. Heggade, who turns 75 on November 25, 2022, was born to Rathnavarma Heggade and Rathnamma Heggade, as the eldest of five siblings. His father was elected to the erstwhile Mysuru State Legislative Assembly on the Congress ticket from Belthangady constituency in Dakshina Kannada district in 1957. He is considered the architect of transforming Dharmasthala into a modern pilgrimage centre, which serves meals to over 30,000 devotees twice a day.

Hailing from a wealthy Jain family, Mr. Heggade had a passion for photography, vintage cars, architecture, and collecting antiques. Though he was wooed by political parties, he kept away from

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai greeting D. Veerendra Heggade, who has been nominated to the Rajya Sabha, in Bengaluru on Thursday.

mainstream politics. Instead, he preferred social service. Over a dozen welfare schemes, funded mainly through temple donations, are run under his leadership.

PM's visit

Dharmasthala is visited by dignitaries of all hues and Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the place in 2017. He is the first Indian Prime Minister in office to do so. Earlier, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, too, had visited the temple, but not as Prime Ministers.

In 1978, post-Emergency and after being defeated in her trusted bastion of Rae Bareli, Indira Gandhi had turned her attention to Chikkamagaluru in Karnataka for her political comeback. She won against Veerendra Patil of the Janata Party. She had visited Dharmasthala at this point.

Retracing Indira Gandhi's comeback trail, L.K. Advani, BJP stalwart, flagged off his electoral campaign in Karnataka in 1991 with a visit to Dharmasthala. Mr. Advani held public meetings in Udupi, 100 km away from Dharmasthala, accompanied by the then influential seer of Pejawar Mutt Vishwesha Tirtha.

A recipient of Padma Vibhushan, Mr. Heggade has more than three dozen awards and honorary doctorates from universities.

Being a strong advocate of simple weddings, he took upon himself the task of organising mass marriages under a single roof in 1972.

Major institutions

Mr. Heggade started two major institutions – Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project and Rural Development and Self-Employment Training Institute. With the objective of fighting alcoholism, the de-addiction (Jana Jagruthi Vedike) programme came into being in the late 1980s.

The educational trusts headed by Mr. Heggade run nearly a hundred premier academic and professional institutions, including colleges offering professional courses.

PSI recruitment scam: HC seeks FSL reports

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to submit reports of the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the details of changes in the OMR sheets of the accused candidates in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam.

Justice H.P. Sandesh issued the direction while hearing the petitions filed by C.N. Shashidhar and other accused persons seeking bail.

The court issued the direction after the CID submitted the progress report, which contained *modus operandi* of the accused persons, in a sealed cover to it along with details of arrest of IPS officer Amrit Paul, Additional Director-General of Police, who was heading the police recruitment division.

Amrit Paul

"The act of indulging in selecting the persons by malpractice and who have committed fraud in the process of PSI recruitment and manipulation of the documents amounts to an act of terror to the society," the court had observed in its earlier order.

The court had also observed that the aspirants to the posts of PSI, who made efforts to succeed in the examination, are real victims, and it was the duty of the court as well as the State to protect the interest of these "victims".

Contractual health workers withdraw strike following Minister's assurance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Following an assurance by Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar that their demands will be considered soon, contractual and outsourced health workers appointed under the National Health Mission (NHM) withdrew their strike late on Thursday night.

Demanding job security and equal pay for equal work, thousands of contractual workers under the banner of the Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsource Employees Association (KSHCOEA) staged a daylong demonstration at Freedom Park on Thursday. Dr. Sudhakar, who met them at the protest venue, said the government would soon revise their compensation by 15% as recommended by the P.N. Srinivasachari committee. Appealing to the workers to withdraw their strike, he said the government would initiate measures to fulfil their other demands, including health insurance coverage.

The department has around 30,000 contractual staff appointed under the NHM. The staff include auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs), staff nurses, doctors, lab technicians, and pharmacists. Apart from job security and equal pay for equal work, these workers have been demanding health insurance, medical reimbursement facility, and service weightage in future recruitments.

"The contractual workers are demanding that their wages should be equivalent to that of permanent employees. The Union and State governments have jointly taken up 49 health programmes for a given period of time and the workers have been appointed on contract for these programmes. Hence, it is difficult to regularise their services. However, I assure them that all efforts will be made to increase their wages," the Minister said.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT CENTRAL PRISON, HINDLAGA, BELAGAVI-591108

No.CPB:/TENDER/ 1752/2022-23 Dated: 07- 07 -2022

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As per the Head Office Order No:ADM2/CR-21/2022-23 Bangaluru, Dated:18.12.2021The purchases of Medicines, durgs and miscellaneous items and to Belagavi Central Prison and Belagavi Zone for the year 2021-22 to be procured through e-Procurement as per the KTTP Act.

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DIPR/3305/Tender/2022 MANAGING DIRECTOR

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For details of e-procurement tender contact the office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Sagara and can be viewed in e-procurement website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) and can be downloaded. Further information can be obtained from the concerned case worker of this office on phone No. 08183-226064 during office hours or contact hp helpdesk phone No.: 080-25501216, 25501227.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Sagara.

DIPR/smg/No.3307/mca/22-23/543

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is hereby given to the public that my client **Mr. A.P Aneja** is the POA for the purchaser of the below Schedule property, who lost the **Registered Sale deed CA. No. 7566/98-99 dated 31/12/1998-99** registered at sub registrar Bangalore south Taluk along with the other relevant documents, Sale agreement & construction agreement related to the schedule property, **Flat No.201, Washleigh Manor-I** constructed at corporation Nos. 8,9.10,&11 Municipal Corporation No.73 Rustam Bagh Main Rd, Kodihalli, B'lore south Taluk earlier, Varthur Hobli Bangalore East Taluk(now)

The original documents for the schedule FLAT, absolute Sale deed, Sale & construction agreement, were lost on 04/06/2022 in B'lore, in & around central Mall, Bellandur area & are not traceable & consequently, a police complaint has been lodged in this regard with Bangalore city Police on 24/06/2022 by the POA.

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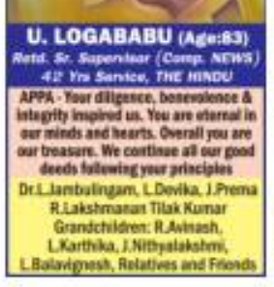

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IN BRIEF

Actor Sreejith Ravi arrested in POCSO case

THRISSUR

Actor Sreejith Ravi was arrested on Thursday for exhibiting nudity in front of children. The Thrissur West police registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against him. The alleged incident happened near a park at Ayyanthole two days ago and he was arrested on a complaint filed by two children, aged 14 and nine. It was reported that he had recently been booked in a similar case in Palakkad.

Four stranded A.P. fishermen return safely

KATRENIKONA

Four fishermen, who were stranded in the sea off the Machilipatnam coast in Andhra Pradesh for three days, reached Kothapalem village off Konaseema coast, safely on Thursday. They ventured into the sea off Machilipatnam on July 2. The next day, their boat's engine developed a technical snag and they lost contact with their families.

'OPS got the post by the same procedure'

EPS says invitation for general council meet was issued by 'headquarters office-bearers' even in 2017

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S.
CHENNAI

The procedure about which AIADMK leader O. Panneerselvam has been complaining now, with respect to the convening of the general council meeting on July 11 to elect an interim general secretary, is the same one through which the 2017 general council meeting was convened to elect him as the coordinator, former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami told the Madras High Court on Thursday.

Appearing before Justice Krishnan Ramasamy, who is seized of a civil suit filed by Mr. Panneerselvam to stall the July 11 meeting, senior counsel Vijay Narayan, representing Mr. Palaniswami, took exception to the plaintiff's argument that the general council meeting could be legally convened only by the coordinator and the joint coordinator (co-coordinator) together, whereas the invitation for the July 11 meeting had been extended by the "headquarters office-bearers".

Recalling the general council meeting held in September 2017 to elect Mr. Panneerselvam as well as Mr. Palaniswami as the coordinator and the joint coordinator respectively since the then interim general secretary, V.K. Sasikala, had been imprisoned in a disproportionate assets case, Mr. Narayan said, "Even then, the invitation was extended only by the 'headquarters office-bearers' that he is now terming a faceless and nameless body." Also objecting to the invitation being called a notice by the plaintiff, the senior counsel said the decision to conduct the July 11 meeting was announced at the general council meeting held on June 23 in the presence of Mr. Panneerselvam. The announcement was carried as the lead news item by almost all newspapers the following day. Yet, the plaintiff had waited for almost two weeks and filed the present suit only on July 5, he pointed out.

Edappadi K. Palaniswami

Further, bringing it to the notice of the judge that the party by-laws require at least one-fifth of the general council members to requisition a meeting, Mr. Narayan said that on June 23, 2,619 out of the 2,665 general council members had requested for the next meeting and hence it was decided to hold it on July 11. He said the plaintiff had not made out any case to stall such a meeting.

Informing the court that a resolution for appointing only an interim general secretary would be placed before the general council on July 11, the senior counsel said the election for a permanent general secretary would be held at a later date and then the plaintiff would also be entitled to contest for the post. He also wondered how could the High Court [pass any order to] stall the meeting when the Supreme Court had permitted it to go on.

On the other hand, senior counsel Guru Krishnakumar, representing Mr. Panneerselvam, and advocate A.K. Sriram, representing another plaintiff P. Vairamuthu alias Amman Vairamuthu, argued that the situation in 2017 was different from the present scenario and therefore there could be no comparison between the two. "Then, the interim general secretary was in prison. Now, no such thing has happened," Mr. Krishnakumar said.

He told the court that Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami were elected the coordinator and the joint coordinator respectively by the general council on September 12, 2017. Thereafter, following the Delhi High Court's order that they must get elected only by the primary members, the executive council amended the by-laws on December 1, 2021, and an election was notified to be held on December 6, 2021.

After hearing both sides, the judge adjourned the matter to Friday and asked Mr. Narayan to submit details of the procedures followed to convene the previous general council meetings.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Chandigarh, Delhi, Tripura, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Karaikal

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Agartala	6.4	35.3	26.7	Kozhikode	29	25.1	23.6
Ahmedabad	2	35.4	27.1	Kurnool	2	29.6	24.0
Aizawl	31	27.7	21.3	Lucknow	–	37.6	30.0
Allahabad	–	36.7	28.4	Madurai	–	33.2	25.8
Bengaluru	1	23.7	20.3	Mangaluru	81.9	25.4	23.0
Bhopal	15.3	28.5	24.1	Mumbai	125	28.2	24.8
Bhubaneswar	22.1	33.0	25.2	Mysuru	16	26.0	20.0
Chandigarh	5.2	36.3	28.7	New Delhi	–	39.1	30.0
Chennai	15	33.1	24.5	Patna	4	36.0	26.5
Coimbatore	2	27.2	22.1	Port Blair	9	29.5	23.9
Dehradun	14	34.7	25.0	Puducherry	–	34.2	26.4
Gangtok	0.2	25.9	19.5	Pune	18	26.1	22.4
Goa	19	28.6	24.7	Raipur	12.4	33.1	25.9
Guwahati	0.2	36.2	26.6	Ranchi	15	30.8	23.0
Hubballi	–	25.0	22.0	Shillong	7	26.5	17.5
Hyderabad	0.2	30.2	23.2	Shimla	0.7	28.4	22.1
Imphal	0.4	32.8	23.5	Srinagar	–	30.7	20.6
Jaipur	9	36.0	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	5	29.2	22.5
Kochi	28	27.2	23.2	Tiruchi	–	32.7	26.5
Kohima	–	27.4	17.2	Vijayawada	–	32.2	25.8
Kolkata	19	34.6	27.0	Visakhapatnam	0.4	31.0	27.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	1	195	46	47	
Bengaluru	22	28	89	–	94	
Chennai	15	31	47	62	49	
Delhi	5	88	95	65	110	
Hyderabad	9	5	49	43	60	
Kolkata	9	23	24	21	45	
Lucknow	10	67	59	77	90	
Mumbai	2	21	26	81	77	
Pune	102	168	63	66	52	
Visakhapatnam	15	40	33	56	80	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Charkhi Dadri, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 150 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 11

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Minister says no forcible land acquisition, but farmers refuse to withdraw protest

They want the entire land acquisition process to be dropped

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A meeting on Thursday to find a solution to the impasse over acquisition of 1,777 acres in Bengaluru district, where farmers are protesting against the acquisition process for nearly 100 days now, did not make much headway as farmers refused to withdraw their protest despite an appeal by Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani, who also assured that land will not be forcefully acquired.

While Mr. Nirani directed officials not to forcefully take land from farmers, the latter urged him to drop the entire acquisition process. A final decision will be taken after a meeting of farmers with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Mr. Nirani said. The farmers in Chennarayapatna hobli in Devanahalli taluk of Bengaluru Rural district, near here, are protesting against acquisition of 1,777 acres that has been identified for development of Haralur Industrial Development project for aerospace and defence parks.

"The land can be acquired if farmers give their land voluntarily for industrial purposes. Land acquisition process should not be forced on farmers. Any such complaints against officials will be dealt with seriously," the Minister said during his interaction with farmers from Chennarayapatna hobli.

Directing the officials, including tahsildar, assistant commissioner and KIADB officials to visit the spot for verification if farmers come forward to give their land, Mr. Nirani said, "If farmers agree to the land acquisition, such farmers should be given compensation as per the market price. Land of those farmers opposed to acquisition should be dropped from the acquisition process."

Among others, Small Industries Minister N. (MTB) Nagaraj, Chikkaballapura MP B.N. Bachegowda and Devanahalli legislator Nisarga Narayanswamy were present in the meeting.

Ramesh Cheemachanahalli, a farmer who took part in the meeting, said the committee has decided not to withdraw the protest until the preliminary notification for acquisition is withdrawn. "As per the legal provision, the government cannot selectively acquire land. About 75% of farmers are against acquisition. We have convened a meeting on July 12 to discuss legal implications," he said.

Monsoon fury grips many parts of Kerala

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The heavy spell of rain that has been lashing Kerala, combined with coastal erosion for the past four days, has claimed as many as six lives so far and caused widespread damage to property, forcing the administrations of several districts to relocate scores of families to relief camps.

The body of a 22-year-old man, identified as Akhil, son of Kalathiparambil Thankan, Devikulam, in Idukki, who went missing while fishing, was retrieved by Fire and Rescue Services personnel on Thursday.

Blocks of huge rocks fell onto the Adimali-Kumily stretch of the National Highway near Kallarkutty from the upper part of the road, blocking the traffic for a while. In Kozhikode, a search was under way to trace a 17-year-old boy who went missing at the Pathankayam waterfalls, Thamarassery, on Monday.

Four new camps were opened after the rain gained strength, taking the number of camps operational in the State to 12. In Thiruvananthapuram, two shutters of the Aruvikkara dam and four of the Neyyar dam were opened following a rise in inflow to the reservoirs.

The weather bulletin issued by the IMD sounded an yellow alert across Kerala except Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam on Friday.

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH

COMPANY PETITION (CAA) No. 19/BB/2022
C/W
COMPANY APPLICATION (CAA) NO. 3/BB/2022
In the Matter Of Sections 230 to 232 and other Applicable Provisions Of The Companies Act, 2013
And
In The Matter Of Scheme Of Arrangement
Between
CHAITHANYA PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
("Demerged Company/Transferor Company")
AND
CHAITHANYA BILVA PRIVATE LIMITED
("Resulting Company 1/ Transferee Company 1")
AND
TERRAMINT PRIVATE LIMITED
("Resulting Company 2/ Transferee Company 2")
And
Between their respective Shareholders and Creditors

BETWEEN:

1.CHAITHANYA PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
A Company incorporated under Companies Act, 1956 having its registered office at No. 104,Prestige Omega 3rd Floor,Epip Zone, Whitefield Bengaluru - 560 066, Karnataka
...PETITIONER NO. 1

2.CHAITHANYA BILVA PRIVATE LIMITED
A Company incorporated under Companies Act, 2013 having its registered office at No. 104, Prestige Omega 3rd Floor,Epip Zone, Whitefield Bengaluru - 560 066, Karnataka
...PETITIONER NO. 2

3.TERRAMINT PRIVATE LIMITED
A Company incorporated under Companies Act, 2013 having its registered office at No. 104, Prestige Omega 3rd Floor, Epip Zone, Whitefield Bengaluru - 560 066, Karnataka
...PETITIONER NO. 3

AND

NIL ...RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Joint Petition under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, for sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement between Chaithanya Projects Pvt Ltd, Chaithanya Bilva Pvt Ltd and Terramint Pvt Ltd and their respective shareholders and creditors were presented by the Petitioners on 27-6-2022 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 10-8-2022.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocate to the address given herein below, notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 07-07-2022
Advocate for the Petitioners
UDAY SHANKAR ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Legal Counsels
Fortune Chambers, 1st Floor
No. 8, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle
Bengaluru- 560 027.
Ph: +080 4141 0007/0008

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, Chennamanakere, C T Bed, Bengaluru.
No: EE/BG/TEND/07/2022-23 Date: 06.07.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

SL No.	Name of the Package	Approx. Amount put to tender (₹.in Lakhs)	EMD
1.	Additional Improvements to office building, sports complex adjacent to Kempegowda playground in **Ward No-164** Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-03)**	1400.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.13.00 Lakhs** through BG
2.	Asphalting to roads in Basavanagudi sub division, Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-04)**	1200.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.11.00 Lakhs** through BG
3.	Asphalting to roads in Girinagara sub division, Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-05)**	1100.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.10.00 Lakhs** through BG
4.	Comprehensive developments to CC roads and drain Basavanagudi sub division, Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-06)**	1500.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.14.00 Lakhs** through BG
5.	Comprehensive developments to CC roads and drain Girinagara sub division, Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-07)**	1100.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.10.00 Lakhs** through BG
6.	Construction of Multipurpose buildings and sports complex in **Ward No-162**, Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-09)**	1400.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.13.00 Lakhs** through BG
7.	Construction of Multipurpose buildings ,Community centre in **Ward No-162,164,** Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Package-10)**	1000.00	**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-procurement and **Rs.09.00 Lakhs** through BG

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender document may be downloaded from the e-proc portal of Government of Karnataka from **15.07.2022**. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **05.08.2022** at **4:00** pm. (3) Last Date & Time for Uploading Tender Documents on **05.08.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **20.07.2022** at **4:00** pm in the office of the Chief Engineer, South, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Benglauru - 11. (5) Opening of Technical Document on **08.08.2022** at **4:00** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division**

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-Td/2022-23/1897-98 Dt: 07.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bid with **Two part and percentage** basis for the 3 numbers of works for Providing / Replacement of intermediate Towers at the following locations.

KPTCL/SEE(E)/TR(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/EPR-709 (Gowdahalli & Kundana) **Combined package & EPR-710** (Kakalachitha) **Dtd: 07.07.2022,** coming under TLM Sub Division Kolar & Doddaballapura under BRAZ Circle.

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **08.07.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **'e procurement–KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans. (Maint.), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL,UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-24.

PUBLIC NOTICE DOCUMENT LOST

I, **MANJUNATHA BABU B.** aged 42 years, S/o. Balleri Gowda, residing at # 407, 2nd Floor, Sir. M.V. Layout, 2nd Block, Chikkanahalli Main Road, Kengeri, Bengaluru- 560060, do hereby inform to the general public that I have lost the Original Sale Deed to the property bearing vacant **site No.157, Khata No.145, Gramatana No. 32, Averahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore** North Taluk, measuring East-West: 30-0 ft. & amp; North-South: 40-0 ft.regd. before the Sub-Registrar, Dasanapura, Bengaluru, **Regn. No. DSP-1-05893 -2007-08, Book-1, C.D. No. DSPD14, dated 05-12-2007 executed by Sri. A. Sidda Byregowda.** I/f. of B. Manjunatha Babu, Police complaint has been lodged and filed an FIR **Lost Report No. 0247784/2022,** dated: 17-06-2022. Finders may contact the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this notice.

MANJUNATHA BABU B.
(M) No. 9900266887.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್
ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 06/22-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04-07-2022

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಮಟಂಪಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆದರ್ಶ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಯೋಜನೆ, ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮಹಿಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು KW-I (Standard Tender Document) ಪ್ರಕಾರ e-portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ನಿಯಮಗಳು KTPP Act 1999 and KTPP Rule 2000 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಪರ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಬಿಡ್ ಭದ್ರತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 61.50 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು 04 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಮ್ಸಾನಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 05-07-2022. ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 12-07-2022 ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14-07-2022 ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು eprocurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08226-223019ಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
O/o The Executive Engineer, KBJNL NRBC Division No.5
Rodalbanda-584127, Tq :Lingasugur, Dist: Raichur

KBJNL/NRBC/D-5/PB /2022-23/206 Dtd:-04.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC Division No-5, Rodalabanda invites Two cover percentage tender from eligible Counsaltants for AWP work for the year 2022-23
1) Cover Type : Two cover, 2) No of works : 1, 3) Last date for applying for tender 20-07-2022 till 4.00 PM, 4) Pre-bid meeting date : 11-07-2022 at 11.00AM, 5) Opening of Technical Bids : 21-07-2022 at 5.00 PM, 6) Opening of Financial Bids 25-07-2022 at 11.00 AM (Tentative)

The tenders will be opened in this office as mentioned in the above dates. Further information can be had from the office of undersigned during the office hours & also from e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC Div No-5 Rodalbanda

DIP/Raichur/175/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-2:Tender-28:2022-23/1261 Dated:- 07.07.2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System :- Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements (1) Improvements to Road A.Kengunte-Koratikere from Km 0.00 to 2.20 (VR) (Proposed from Km 0.00 to 1.325) B. from Uganekatte Megalakottige Road to SH-47 Km 0.00 to 1.10 (VR) C.Ramaghatta-Laxmisagara Road from Km 0.00 to 1.20 (VR) (Proposed from Km 0.00 to 1.13) D.Talya-Mathighatta Road from Km 5.338 to 6.00(MDR) and E. NH-13 to Shivapura via Gundimadu Maruthi Nagara from Km 0.00 to 5.00 (Proposed from Km 0.00 to 2.80 and Km 3.10 to 5.00) in Holalkere Taluk. (WI.152367). Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs :-430.00

Tenders dates are as mentioned below: (1) Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 22-07-2022 Time: 17.30 (2) Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 25-07-2022 Time: 16.00 (3) Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 26-07-2022 Time: 16.01 (4) Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 28-07-2022 Time: 11.00 Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/315/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Chitradurga.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ

ನಂ: ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀಮತ್ತುನೈ/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ/ಟಿಂ-1,2,3,4 ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23/627 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06-07-2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್-ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ರವರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

1) ಬಾದಾಮಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ

1) Guddada Mallapur Indent No-42931 APT- 60.89 Lakhs

3) ಹುನಗುಂದ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ

1) Chikkamalagavi Indent No-43109 APT- 47.04 Lakhs
2) Khairwadagi (SC)Indent No-43082 APT-24.32 Lakhs
3) Papathnal Indent No-43089 APT- 53.91 Lakhs

4) ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ

2) Providing WPP and Installing Machinery in Dr. B R Ambedkar Girl Residential School Jamakhandi Taluk (SC) Indent No-43252 APT- 2.98 lakhs

2) ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ

1) Jadaramakunti RC(ST) Indent No-42645 APT- 5.80 lakhs
2) Jadaramakunti LT (SC) Indent No-42646 APT- 25.94 Lakhs
3) Renovation of Division Micro-Biology Testing Laboratory at Bagalkot Dist (additional estimate) Indent No-41162 APT- 4.70 Lakhs (CALL-3)

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Just fine

Justice for environmental crimes must be dispensed quickly and equitably

The Union Environment Ministry, tasked with safeguarding India's forests and its environmental assets, proposes to amend sections of key environmental legislation and make them less threatening to potential violators. India has eight cornerstone pieces of legislation that define a regulatory framework to ensure that natural resources are not wantonly exploited, acts of pollution are apprehended and there is a mechanism to punish and deter violators. Under provisions in the existing legislation, violators are punishable with imprisonment up to five years or with a fine up to one lakh rupees, or with both. Were violations to continue, there is an additional fine of up to ₹5,000 for every day during which such failure or contravention continues after the conviction. There is also a provision for jail terms to extend to seven years. Under the new amendments proposed, the Ministry says it wants to weed out "fear of imprisonment for simple violations", and therefore have such violations invite only monetary fines. However, serious environmental crimes that cause grave injury or death would invite imprisonment under the Indian Penal Code. These penalties would be decided by an 'adjudication officer' and transferred to an 'Environment Protection Fund'. Moreover, the quantum of potential fines has been raised from beyond the one lakh rupees to as much as five crore rupees. These proposals are not yet law and have been placed in the public domain for feedback.

The question of whether the threat of imprisonment acts as a deterrent has a long history with both proponents and opponents. The proposed amendments do not cover the destruction of forests and wildlife, which make up a substantial fraction of environmental crime, and would continue to invite existing penal provisions. Research on environmental crime in the United States and Europe suggests that fining is the most common mode of punishment. India has a long history of corporate violations as well as a woefully slow redress system. An analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment found that Indian courts took between 9-33 years to clear a backlog of cases for environmental violations. Starting with 2018, close to 45,000 cases were pending for trial and another 35,000 cases were added in that year. More than 90% of cases were pending for trial in five of seven major environmental laws. While fines could theoretically help with faster redress, large environmental fines will continue to be contested in courts, adding to the prevailing practice of tardy justice. The threat of imprisonment might have acted as a deterrent in India where the effectiveness of environment regulation is under par. Justice for environmental crimes must be dispensed quickly and equitably before tinkering with the law to make it less foreboding.

Disorderly exit

Instead of delivering a smooth Brexit, Boris Johnson leaves Britain worse off than before

For a leader who led the Conservative party to an 80-seat majority three years ago with a Thatcher-like charisma, Boris Johnson's fall from grace was so steep that a host of his Ministers, including those who were appointed days earlier, publicly called for his resignation on Wednesday. Mr. Johnson, a journalist-turned-politician who rose to the pinnacles of power riding the Brexit wave, tried to cling on to his position till the last minute. But despite Downing Street's fightback, the intra-party rebellion spread like wildfire, engulfing even the loyalist inner circle. Faced with no other choice, he agreed on Thursday to stand down as the Conservative Party leader immediately and resign as Prime Minister in October when the party chooses a new leader. His position within the party became untenable in June when 41% of lawmakers expressed no-confidence in his leadership in a vote. Signs of the rebellion had emerged much earlier as his government was rocked by the "partygate" scandal – the Prime Minister was fined by police for attending a birthday gathering at Downing Street in the midst of a nation-wide COVID-19 lockdown. The resignation of Chris Pincher as Deputy Chief Whip last week over allegations of sexual misconduct came as the final straw. As chaos prevailed, two of his senior Ministers – Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Health Secretary Sajid Javid – announced their resignations, triggering the disintegration of the government.

Mr. Johnson won the 2019 elections promising a quick, orderly Brexit. But the best he could deliver was a chaotic, painful divorce with the EU whose economic pains continue to haunt ordinary Britons and businesses. There is still no clarity on the post-Brexit trade relations with the EU and the Northern Ireland protocol remains a mess. As scandals began to hit his government, his moral authority within the party started slipping. Mr. Johnson could still argue that he got a colossal mandate and that he remained a vote-getter for the Conservatives. But even that position became untenable as a serious economic crunch began to bite. Last month, the Conservatives suffered humiliating defeats in two by-elections – Wakefield and Tiverton and Honiton – which practically sealed Mr. Johnson's fate. The rest was only a matter of time. His successor will inherit a crisis-ridden economy and polity. Inflation rose to 9.1% in May, the highest in 40 years, which, according to the Bank of England, could hit 11% this year. Some economists predict a recession. Brexit remains an unfinished business, which, if not resolved properly, could threaten peace in Northern Ireland. And the government in Scotland is demanding another referendum on independence. Mr. Johnson, who came to power offering a new post-Brexit future for the U.K., is leaving the country in economic pain and political disarray.

Ending the Ukraine war in an imperfect world

But the problem now is that the conflict is being cast in binaries, making compromise difficult

RAKESH SOOD

The war in Ukraine has been underway for over four months. What began as a European conflict has had global repercussions. Of course, Ukraine and its people have borne the maximum brunt. More than five million Ukrainians have left the country and over eight million are internally displaced. Rising casualties and large-scale destruction have set back the country by decades. Recent estimates for rebuilding the destroyed cities and infrastructure are as high as $750 billion.

During 2020-21, most economies that could afford to, provided generous financial support to its citizens in the form of direct payments and subsidised food to tide over the economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Supply chains suffered disruptions, aggravated by politics. Economic recovery has generated demand, creating inflationary pressures. Today, inflation rates are rising across the world and in the largest economies have reached levels not seen since the early 1980s. As these countries tighten money supply, fears of recession loom large. The war in Ukraine has aggravated the situation for the poorer countries by creating food and fertilizer shortages. The sharp surge in energy prices threatens the prospects of economic recovery. Prospects of collective global action to deal with these challenges appear remote, given growing tensions among major powers.

And so, the war grinds on, with no end in sight.

The inevitable conflict

It is a fact that Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022 in gross violation of the United Nations Charter and international law; it is equally true that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is not an innocent bystander. In 2022, Russia is the guilty one but NATO's folly was to forget that the cost of its expansion goes up as it gets closer to the Russian border. Its strategic error was in concluding that Russia was in terminal decline and adopting an 'open door' policy.

By 2005, 11 former East European and Baltic states had joined NATO. Addressing the Munich Security Conference in 2007, Russian President Vladimir Putin described NATO's decision of moving eastwards and deploying forces closer to Russian borders, "a serious provocation". The warning was ignored. At the NATO summit in early 2008, the United States pushed for opening membership for Ukraine and Georgia. France and Germany, sensitive to Russian concerns, successfully blocked a time-frame for implementation. As a compromise, it was the worst of both worlds. It convinced Russia of NATO's hostility and dangled prospects for Georgia and Ukraine that NATO could not fulfil.

Later that year, Russia intervened in Georgia on the grounds of protecting the Russian minorities, taking over the neighbouring provinces of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. In 2014, following the Euromaidan protests in Kiev against President Viktor Yanukovych, who was pro-Russian, Russia annexed Crimea and pro-Russia separatists, assisted by Russian mercenaries, created autonomous regions in eastern Ukraine. The fuse, lit in 2008, was now smouldering.

Post-2014, NATO continued to strengthen its relationship with Ukraine by providing it training and equipment, formalising it in 2020 by making Ukraine a NATO Enhanced Opportunity Partner. The presence of warships from Britain and the United States began to increase in the Black Sea. In 2019, the United Kingdom entered into a cooperation agreement with Ukraine to develop two new naval ports, Ochakiv on the Black Sea

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and Berdyansk on the Sea of Azov, a move that Russia saw as potentially threatening. The die was cast.

Liberalism trumps realism

Neither side wanted war. NATO members insist that Ukraine would not be joining NATO but remains unable to walk back from its 2008 statement. This would be seen as 'appeasement'. In diplomacy, appeasement had long been accepted as an honourable route to ensuring peace, practised by the British since the mid-19th century in its dealings with European powers and especially the U.S. as it sought to enforce the Monroe Doctrine. Neville Chamberlain too used appeasement to negotiate "peace in our times" in 1938 but Winston Churchill employed it to pillory him and the term never regained respectability thereafter.

An equivalent term surfaced – sensitivity for each other's core interests – practised during the Cold War to prevent the U.S. and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) from getting into conflict. With the end of the Cold War, this became history. The liberal school, having vanquished the Marxist school of thought, was now convinced of the righteousness of its cause. If only the rest of the world could be made to see reason, democracy would flourish, free markets ensure prosperity and a western-led rule-based order prevail. The triumph of liberalism led the neo-con believers towards interventionism (Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, the Colour Revolutions, Syria); others, attracted by the prospects of the Chinese and Russian markets, deluded themselves that economic growth would lead to political openings.

The realist school of thought cautioned against military interventions backed by a one-size-fits-all democratic prescription and the risks of excessive economic dependence on China but these voices were dismissed. Many U.S. scholars and strategic thinkers cautioned against NATO enlargement, warning that Russia may be weak but it would be reckless to ignore its security interests; they were charged with 'appeasement'. Liberalism was upholding 'moral values'; amoral realism was easy to reject as immoral.

French President Emmanuel Macron talked in February of the Finlandisation model as an option for Ukraine. Austrian neutrality imposed by the U.S., the USSR, the U.K. and France in 1955, enshrined in its constitution was mentioned. But these solutions had found acceptance in a war-weary Europe when politics was frozen by the Cold War. Finland had accepted limited sovereignty and just two Presidents guided it – Urho Kekkonen (1956-82) and Mauno Koivisto (1982-94) and both also served as Prime Ministers. In 2022, such stability is impossible with power politics in flux, rivalries sharpening and populism on the upswing.

In early March, in an interview to Russian media, the Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelensky, declared that Ukraine was not pressing for NATO membership but wanted neutrality to be guaranteed; he even talked of autonomy for Donbas as a compromise and a period of 10 years for talks on Crimea. But that interview was soon forgotten.

How wars end

Wars often develop their own momentum and the Ukraine war is no exception. Russia possibly anticipated a short, sharp conflict, a collapse of the Kiev regime (perhaps similar to what happened in Kabul last August), and a lack of NATO cohesion. It has had to readjust its aims as it has settled down to a long and brutal war. The G-7, the European Union (EU) and NATO have displayed unusual cohesion and Ukrainians have shown exemplary grit and motivation. Russia is in a bind. Even its limited war aims of controlling Donbas and the Black Sea coast have been a slog. Finland and Sweden joining NATO will squeeze it further in the Baltic Sea. Ukraine's ability to fight depends on how long western funds and military hardware keep flowing.

In a moral world, there is a right and wrong and Russia should be held to account. But in the real world, other factors come into play. A blame game or establishing the root cause will not help end the crisis. Eventually, talks will need to take place, between Ukraine and Russia and with NATO and the U.S. playing an outsize role behind the scenes. This means acknowledging Russia's security interests in its neighbourhood.

The problem is that the war is now being cast in binaries – a battle between freedom and tyranny, between democracy and autocracy, a choice between rule-based order and brute force. This makes compromise difficult. And Russia cannot be defeated unless NATO wants to engage in a full-scale war.

The longer the war continues, the greater the suffering for the Ukrainians. The more territory Ukraine loses, the weaker will be its bargaining position at the table. And the longer the war continues, the greater the risk of an inadvertent escalation. History tells us that when faced with choices, major powers have a propensity to double down. The nuclear taboo has held since 1945; sane voices need to ensure that it is not breached. The sooner the war ceases, the better it is for Ukrainians, Russians and the world. It is an imperfect world but we do not have another.

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A community and a health issue of concern

The mental illnesses and challenges that India's LGBTQIA++ people face need comprehensive and long-term solutions

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During the recent celebration of Pride month (June) globally and in India, we witnessed an incredible social media presence filled with striking images and stories. It would not have been amiss to also pause and reflect momentarily on the state of mental health of LGBTQIA++ communities in India. The reflection would undoubtedly have been a sobering one.

Despite the reading down of Section 377, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) judgment as also successive progressive movements, India's class, caste and regionally diverse LGBTQIA++ communities remain at risk of life-long mental illnesses and challenges. This can take the form of severe mental illness or transient and long standing dysfunctional harmful behaviours.

Stigma and suffering

Why? This is caused by life-long dissonance, deep-rooted stigma, discrimination and often abuse, that the community experiences. It often leads to extreme distress and poor self-worth, resulting in self-hate and suffering. The community is often fearful and has such deeply internalised stigma that it is challenging to even articulate what it feels like – forget about seeking help.

While the mental health needs of the LGBTQIA++ communities are not different from others, their identities, social contexts and the discrimination give them stressors that impact their mental health, relentlessly, from a young age. Sexual orientation and gender identity are rarely discussed in our social, educational or familial environments, and if ever done, these discussions are stigmatising. Society marginalises LGBTQIA++ people throughout life, no matter how accomplished they may be. This is payment extracted by a heteronormative society that demands assimilation .

In such an environment, it is hard to come out to yourself; forget the others. Even within the LGBTQIA++ communities, the lines are easily fractured by caste, class, and, more recently, by religious affiliation. It is difficult to find friends and family who understand what the person feels.

If they are able to cope with this, there is the constant othering. The life one leads and lived experiences have little or no overlap with those around oneself. In every sense, the person remains an outsider. If a person's gender identity is different from the sex assigned to them at birth, this conflict and othering is extreme. The person feels trapped and conflicted, that feeds their gender

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dysphoria.

This relentless dissonance and othering can result in internalised homophobia, often leading to anxiety, loneliness and substance use. It is not surprising then, that LGBTQIA++ youth are likely to suffer 1.75 times more anxiety and depression than the rest of society while the transgender community is even more vulnerable as its members suffer 2.4 times higher anxiety and depression.

In India and elsewhere, from an early age, everyone is pressured, openly or structurally, into accepting gender roles and sexual identities. Those who do not comply are bullied, abused, and assaulted under the pretence of correcting them.

Inadequate health services

When help is sought even by the most empowered, queer affirmative mental health services are hardly available. A large majority of the psychiatrists in India still consider diverse sexual orientations and gender identities as a disorder and practice 'correctional therapy'. This is also true of general health care as well. In an ongoing study, the Raahat Project found that a large number of trans and gay men preferred to pay and seek help in the private sector rather than access government health care due to harassment and stigma.

How then do we build communities that sustain the good mental health of LGBTQIA++ communities? What we need is a national focus on LGBTQIA++ mental health that has become further acerbated by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

We need comprehensive long-term solutions that make queer mental health a priority and address community needs but also engage everyone to change the environment in which they exist. These solutions must engage with all stakeholders, including educational institutions, communities, health-care providers, mental health professionals, police personnel and families who are often a key source of mental health stress. This is not easy as this is not a priority for the Government and funding agencies, and is also neglected in society.

Awareness and other steps

One way to change the status quo is to ensure that every aspect of mental health work in India must include aspects of queer mental health issues, especially in schools and universities, to destigmatise diverse gender and sexual identities. A key aspect is building self-care skills among queer adolescents and youth. Strong components of behaviour change and awareness and also building capacity are important ways to build agency among these youth populations. What we need is a movement on queer mental health guided by non-discrimination and public awareness in order to change social attitudes.

Community building is an important part of improving the mental health for LGBTQIA++ people. We need to create supportive, safe and educative spaces, access points for health care and information on mental health. One such project that the Raahat Project has been working on through participatory methods has opened a host of issues that LGBTQIA++ communities face in leading colleges on an ongoing basis. The challenge is on how to address these issues in a holistic way when institutions are so queerphobic.

In the end, ignoring the mental health needs of LGBTQIA++ communities comes at a great cost to them and to society. Without addressing both the preventive and support aspects of the mental health of LGBTQIA++ people we will compound an already neglected problem of mental illness that will be hard to handle in the future. This would not just be injustice, but also a crisis created by deliberate neglect .

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Remarks and reaction

The spate of a filing of first information reports in various States across India – most of them linked to religion – and the accompanying political furore, highlights a race towards development using polarisation.
In addition, most Indian news channels seem to have place only for religious and political debates instead of reporting on developmental issues.
There seems to be a crisis on all fronts in terms of the absence of good politics and sound journalism (Page 1, "Mahua faces FIR in Bhopal for remarks", July 7).

KARTIKEY SINGH,
Faridabad, Haryana

■ It is now obvious that religion has become the single main plank of politics in India. In a diverse country like ours, it is only natural that there are diverse ways of praying to the same deity in accordance with the geographical, social, linguistic and cultural milieu of this vast country. All of them are equally unique.
This 'insistence', for political reasons, on having just one way is unviable. It is also very unfortunate that an array of self-appointed custodians of religion/s have begun playing god themselves, making religion a 'frightening' subject for its practitioners.

S. SANJEEVI RAO,
Puducherry

Ensure safe air travel

It is appalling that SpiceJet had failed to take appropriate corrective actions despite several warnings in the past about deficiencies in its operations (Page 1, "SpiceJet gets DGCA notice for safety lapses", July 7). It also reveals the lack of penal action by the regulator, the DGCA. It would be appropriate if the airline curtails operations for a while so that all inadequacies are addressed.

V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Chennai

■ It is astonishing that some airlines have been turning a blind eye to safety. The basic assumption of a traveller is that the airline would take all flight safety measures. But with so many mid-air incidents, confidence in air travel is bound to be dented. The regulator needs to be more alert and move fast in initiating action.

KOSARAJU CHANDRAMOULI,
Hyderabad

Tamil Nadu politics

The statements by certain top leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Tamil Nadu – about the State 'waiting for an Eknath Shinde' and that 'Tamil Nadu could be divided to facilitate growth' (July 6) – are obtuse.
Is the national party trying to make inroads into the State with a divide and rule policy using all unconstitutional practices?
What these leaders forget is that the people in this State are different and aware.
These statements can only be a case of day dreaming.

THARCIUS S. FERNANDO,
Chennai

For the Upper House

Another galaxy of stars have been nominated to the Rajya Sabha. But the fact is that in the past, many in this 'category of eminent persons' have hardly made any meaningful contribution to parliamentary debates. Nor do they attend Rajya Sabha sessions. The appellation "MP" appears just decorative. There are some personalities who have deep knowledge on subjects of national importance. Why are such persons not chosen?

V.N. GOPAL,
Chennai

Should the ATP and the WTA merge?

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We need one structure, one set of rules and one system for men and women

In April 2020, just after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Roger Federer floated the idea of merging the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), the governing bodies of men's and women's tennis, respectively. Billie Jean King founded the WTA in 1973 after failing to persuade the men to create a joint venture. Nearly five decades on, the idea to project tennis's progressive face, of men and women competing together and as equals, and thereby creating a big enough product that is financially self-sufficient, is taking shape again. It doesn't necessarily mean a merger of the two competitions, but of the calendar, governance structures, decision-making, sponsorships, etc. A year ago, investment group CVC Capital Partners, a private equity company which has bought stakes in Spanish football's LaLiga and has a presence in the IPL with the Gujarat Titans, had floated a potential $600m agreement at turning the tours into a single commercial entity. As if on cue, on Tuesday, The Times (London) reported that CVC had struck a deal with the WTA for a 20% stake (about $150 million). There are expectations of a similar agreement with the ATP. In a discussion moderated by **N. Sudarshan**, *Ankita Bhambri and Sunder Iyer discuss various facets of the potential merger. Edited excerpts:*

Ankita Bhambri *is a former tennis player and most recently the coach of the Indian Fed Cup (now Billie Jean King Cup) team*

Sunder Iyer *is secretary of the Maharashtra Lawn Tennis Association, which has hosted both ATP and WTA tournaments*

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At present tennis has seven governing bodies - ATP, WTA, ITF (International Tennis Federation) and the four Grand Slams. Will it be beneficial if at least the ATP and WTA come together?

Sunder Iyer: Today, there are probably nine million people who play tennis. And there are so many circuits - ITF circuit, ATP tour, ATP Challengers, WTA events, Davis Cup, Grand Slams and so on. It is so vast that probably at the end of the year, nobody knows what happened at the beginning. I feel we need a structure where everything will be in one place and everyone will be responsible for what they are doing. Now, something the ITF does, the ATP would not accept, and vice versa. So you should get everything under one umbrella. A lot of the money that goes into administering these associations can be put to good use by ensuring players make more money and people working in these associations get more.

Ankita Bhambri: Being a former professional, I can relate to a new tennis player coming on to the circuit and trying to figure out what the difference between the ATP, the WTA and the ITF is. It is so fragmented, not only for players, but for journalists and fans too. So, when Federer mentioned that it was time to get them together, I think all the players would have given a thumbs up. For women's tennis players, it will be beneficial in the long run.

Tennis is one of the few sports where men and women compete together, especially at Grand Slam tournaments. Shouldn't the sport further this progressive aspect?

SI: If you see why Grand Slams are more popular, it answers your question. These are the few tournaments where both WTA and ATP players compete on the same platform. If you look at the entire marketing of a Slam, it allows them to get more money. This is probably one thing that could lead to the merger of the ATP and the WTA. Grand Slams were probably the first events to give equal prize money. It took a long time, but as we move on, there cannot be any discrimination because the effort is the same. Probably it is tougher for a woman to be playing tennis because of social, economic reasons. So, it's time for us to create equal opportunities. Even now, look at how lopsided the tournament structure is. In the ATP, there are nine Masters 1000s, 13 ATP 500s, 39 ATP 250 events, and the ATP Cup. There are also 178 ATP Challenger events. If you look at the women, there are 10 WTA 1000s, 16 WTA 500s and 30 WTA 250s. But there are only 15 Challenger events. Where is 178 and where is 15? And this is because the ITF has its own events till the 125s. So, this is the time for everybody to come together on a single platform.

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AB: When there is a limited number of tournaments for women to play, it is very difficult to travel around the world. At present we have a few tournaments like Citi Open (Washington), Indian Wells and Miami where we see men and women competing together, other than at the Grand Slams. If we have more such tournaments, it will be beneficial not just for players, but for sponsors and the media too. We will probably see more people playing this sport. It will help in the growth of tennis from the bottom. Having one structure, one set of rules and one system will make it easy and sustainable.

> **If tennis has to win as a sport, it needs to unify. There will be a lot more revenue, and more countries will receive funding to develop their own tennis activities.**
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> SUNDER IYER

Will coming together help in decisions being taken in the best interest of the sport and not just the respective tours?

SI: Earlier, at the start of the season, we had the Hopman Cup (in Australia). It had national teams with women. Everyone played together and all of them benefited from the experience. But the Hopman Cup is now gone and we have the ATP Cup for just the men. We in India were also affected because our tournament (Tata Open Maharashtra ATP 250) moved from being a preparatory event for the Australian Open and lost its sheen a little bit. If tennis has to win as a sport, it needs to unify. There will be a lot more revenue, and more countries will receive funding to develop their own tennis activities, like in Asia, Africa. In India we are really lucky that at least we are able to put on so much tennis. There are only 35-36 countries where the ATP has tournaments and maybe 30 for the WTA. But there are more than 100 countries which do not have any big activity.

You can look at having combined events with smaller draws, probably 16 players for men and 16 for women. The WTA relied heavily on the Asian swing in China and now for two years not even one tournament has happened there because of COVID. They found a goldmine in China but now they cannot enter it. Such cases should not happen, because players are affected. Ultimately, aren't players the anchors of these associations?

AB: Imagine a scenario where a 16-year-old who started on the ITF circuit a couple of years ago and suddenly, post-pandemic, is lost because there are no tournaments. They would have lost two years of playing, improving their game, understanding what is required for the transition (to the senior circuit). So, a unified body will definitely play a huge role in enhancing support for everyone. At the bottom, for those ranked in the 700s, 800s, there should be a structure in every part of the world so that they get enough competitions to be able to move up. Likewise for those in the 200s to 500s, who are struggling because their tournaments come under the ITF and is very difficult to sustain (financially). Unification will make these transitions smoother.

Currently in India you can access minimal ATP action on television and absolutely nothing of the WTA. How does this affect the developmental aspect of a player, and can a merger mitigate this problem?

AB: How difficult is it for a young tennis player if the only time they have access to full-fledged matches is when they watch a Grand Slam or a WTA tournament if it happens in India? To have a role model to follow is so difficult for women's tennis players. If a unification can result in a single platform getting us the (broadcast) rights, it will make a huge impact. It will also increase the fan base and more children will want to play the sport. In the last 20 years, [the number of] players taking up the sport professionally has increased tremendously. We have had role models like Sania Mirza. And for that we need enough tournaments and also platforms that are showing the game other than just the Grand Slams. We have seen that with cricket and badminton. Tennis is played globally and not many sports are covered in as many countries. We need to capitalise on that and be able to grow it even more.

SI: Television is very important. Nowadays, OTT platforms (Internet streaming) are where the rights are sold. It is good because you can watch it on your phone. But it is also bad because in many countries the Internet is only now penetrating into smaller areas. So, it is restricted to big cities. Badminton is becoming more popular because every tournament where Indians are participating is being shown on television. So, it is very important that matches are shown. Right now, the whole Arab world is glued to the television because of Ons Jabeur's performance at Wimbledon. These are countries that never had tennis coverage. Administrators at the highest levels have to get more matches on television. Only then will the common population think about sending their children to play the sport.

Can the ATP and the WTA combine to strike bigger television deals, which will in turn generate more money and help improve the game?

SI: I know what a combined event can do. Say there are multiple tournaments going on but Federer will only be able to play at one tournament. If there are combined events, the women's No.1 could play at another event, say in India during that week, which will give enough mileage to the tournament. So, there is an even spread of players which will really help television get a lot more eyeballs. And it will help the tournament raise more money.

Right now, Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic are the most marketable faces in men's tennis and hence more popular. But before them, women's tennis, with the likes of Martina Hingis, Jennifer Capriati, the Williams sisters, was top draw. It's cyclical. Will a merger help the sport be less dependent on stars and ensure there is more revenue overall rather than calculating which tour brings in more money and as a result is more important?

AB: Memory is short, because people have clearly forgotten that there was a thriving rivalry among the Williams sisters, Martina Hingis and others. Djokovic, Nadal and Federer have achieved far more for a longer period of time and deserve the attention. But we have had women's tennis players dominating, be it Hingis, Steffi Graf and more. These rivalries will keep coming and there is always a transition phase like the women's tennis scene now where we are seeing different winners emerging. Imagine a combined platform, with multiple rivalries at multiple levels and how accessible tennis will be. How inspiring will it be for not just one section, but for both men and women.

SI: The 2021 US Open final between Emma Raducanu and Leylah Fernandez was watched by 3.4 million viewers. It was close to 30% higher than men. So new stars are important, men or women. Experts use chess as an analogy for the women's game - lengthy rallies, interesting in-game tactics, changing plots, all of which makes the game exciting. Men's game is like checkers, where the mightier force comes out on top, because it involves more powerful strokes, high intensity and little time to think. It is time to see how to merge these two USPs of tennis and deliver them on a single plate. It should not be male or female, but one tennis player.

DATA POINT

Making sense of the rupee slump

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On July 1, the rupee breached the 79 per dollar mark for the first time ever. The domestic currency has been dominating the headlines for hitting lifetime lows against the greenback for some time. In 2022, it slipped 6.7% against the dollar (see chart 1). While the rupee has fared better than other emerging market currencies including the Philippine peso (8.1% drop), the Thai baht (8.1%), the Chilean peso (12.3%), and the Polish zloty (15.8%), it is the worst performer among the BRICS countries. During the same period, the dollar index, which gauges the strength of the greenback against six peer currencies, rose by 11%.

One factor that has triggered this free fall of currencies is the massive sell-off by foreign portfolio investors. Due to steep interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve to tame four decades-high inflation, investors have withdrawn from riskier emerging markets and opted for safe haven assets. So far, in 2022, FPIs have dumped Indian equities worth a net $29.01 billion, more than double the $11.9 billion worth of equities sold during all of 2008, the year of the global financial crisis (see chart 2).

This selling spree by FPIs has exacerbated the demand for the dollar and led to a corresponding excess supply of the rupee, weakening the local currency. In order to smoothen the rupee's fall and curb excess volatility, the Reserve Bank of India has been selling dollars in the forex markets from its reserves from time to time. The drawdown of dollars by the central bank has dented reserves. From a high of $642 billion in September, reserves plummeted to $593 billion as of June 24, a drop of $49 billion (see chart 3). According to the RBI's latest 'State of the Economy' report, the foreign exchange reserves in June were equivalent to 10 months of import, down from 15 months of import cover in September 2021.

Besides the FPI outflows, a widening trade deficit has added pressure on India's current account deficit (CAD), which in turn has added pressure on the outlook for the local currency. In FY22, India incurred a CAD of $38.7 billion, or 1.2% of the GDP. Incurring a CAD means that India is importing more goods and services and spending on servicing overseas borrowings than it is exporting or earning through remittances, which in turn creates more demand for dollars. While the CAD came in at $13.4 billion for the January-to-March quarter, which is sequentially lower than the $22.1 billion recorded between October and December (see chart 4), it is expected to rise further this fiscal in the wake of record high trade deficits in May and June.

In order to rein in the widening CAD and reduce pressure on the weakening rupee, the government raised the import duty levied on gold to 15% from 10.75%. While India's production of gold is negligible, the country is the second highest consumer of gold in the world. In FY22, India imported gold worth $46.17 billion, which is 33% higher than the year earlier (see chart 5). In May, gold imports swelled to $6.02 billion, recording an almost nine-fold jump from a year earlier.

At the same time, the government also imposed a cess on the export of petrol, diesel and jet fuel. Private refiners have been exporting fuel and earning 'windfall' profits while pumps were running dry in some parts of the country. High-speed diesel and motor gasoline exports more than trebled in March 2022, while the exports of jet fuel more than doubled. (see chart 6).

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Low-down on the lows

The consistent fall in the rupee's value this year, majorly due to record dumping of Indian equities by foreign portfolio investors, has eroded India's foreign reserves. The government has increased the import duty on gold and imposed cess on export of fuel to help rein in the current account deficit

SOURCE: IMF, RBI, NSDL, COMMERCE MINISTRY

CHART 1: RUPEE VS OTHERS | The graph plots the decrease or increase in a currency's value against the dollar in 2022

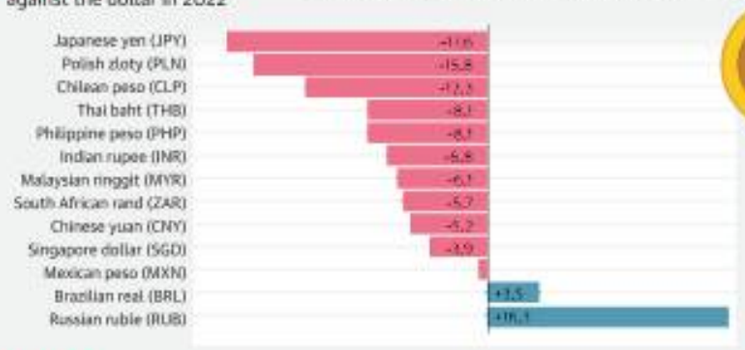

CHART 2: FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS | The graph plots the net amount invested / pulled-out by foreign portfolio investors from Indian equities

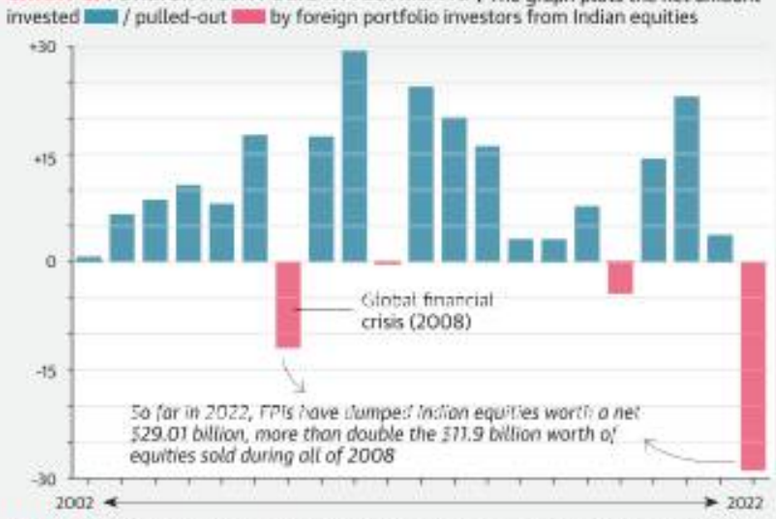
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CHART 3: FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES | The graph plots India's foreign exchange reserves in $billion

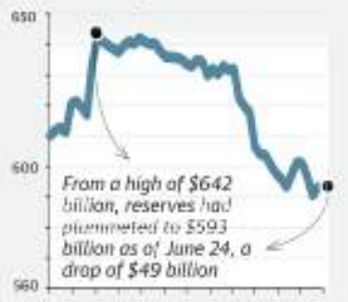
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CHART 4: CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT | The graph plots India's current account deficit every quarter between Q1FY20 and Q4FY22 in $ billion

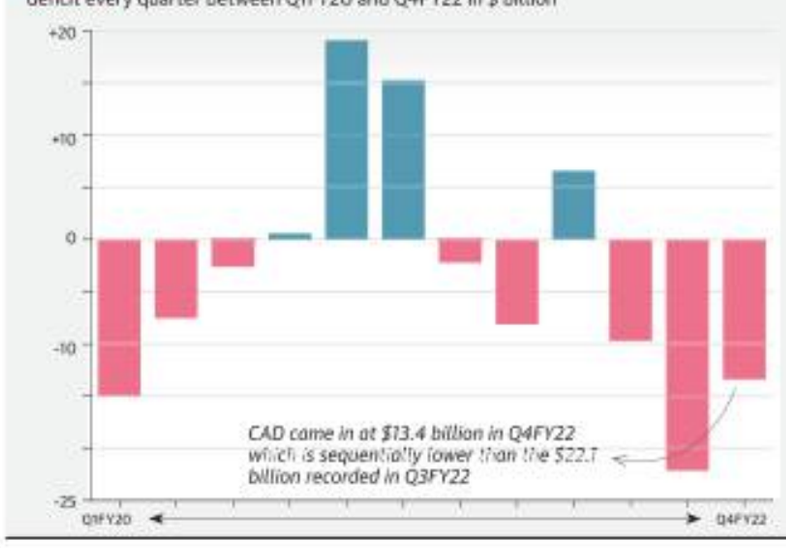
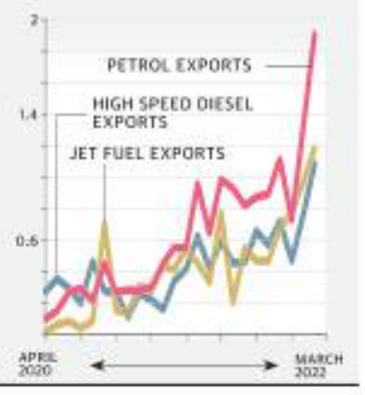


CHART 5: GOLD IMPORTS | The chart shows gold imports in $ billion

CHART 6: FUEL EXPORTS | The chart shows exports of petrol, diesel and jet fuel in $ billion



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 8, 1972

Can't afford ban on Indian films: SL

Colombo, July 7: The Sri Lanka Government to-day had to admit that it could not afford to ban Indian films altogether because there were not enough films to go round the 300 odd theatres in the island. In reply to Mr. Wijeyanand Dahanayake, who asked whether total ban on import of Indian films would be imposed, the Deputy Minister of Planning, Mr. Ratne Deshapriya Senanayake, said in the National Assembly it was not possible to maintain the 300-odd theatres with 25 Sinhalese films and one Tamil film which they were producing yearly. They were importing films from India simply because enough films were not produced in Sri Lanka to be exhibited in their theatres. He added that during the first half of the current year not even one Indian film was imported into the country. Meanwhile it may be pointed out that licenses to import films from India and other countries have been issued just now for the private trade contrary to the belief that film import would be the sole monopoly of the State Film Corporation. According to the latest figures available a total of 30,252 stateless persons of Indian origin have been registered as citizens of Sri Lanka under the provisions of the Sirimavo-Shastri Pact till the end of May this year. This adds up to 35,600, including those who were born after the agreement was signed. On the Indian side about 1,27,000 stateless persons have been registered as Indian nationals. Repatriation is also going on at increased pace especially due to the quick disposal of provident fund and exchange control formalities.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 8, 1922

Mysore Pension Rules

Bangalore, July 6: Anent the resolution No. 10 of the Mysore Special Finance Committee recommending that as a rule the age of superannuation may be raised from 55 to 57 with a view to affect savings in pension charges which are on the increase in Mysore, the Government of Mysore have observed that in the interests of administrative efficiency it is not desirable to modify the existing rules regarding superannuation which allow the retention of officers even after attaining 55 years of age if found otherwise efficient. It is officially notified that Mr. H.M.A. Cooke, Superintendent, Oorgaum Gold Mining Company has been duly elected and deputed to the Representative Assembly by the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board for the year 1922-23.

FROM PAGE ONE

Boris Johnson resigns, political drama ends

But in the highly charged hours building up to Mr. Johnson's announcement, opposition Labour leader Keir Starmer had said the country cannot wait.

Mr. Starmer said "a proper change of government" was needed and demanded a no-confidence vote in Parliament, potentially triggering a general election, rather than Johnson "clinging on for months and months".

Even while eyeing the exit, Mr. Johnson had earlier Thursday sought to steady the ship with several appointments to replace the departed cabinet members.

They included Greg Clark, an arch "remainer" opposed to Britain's divorce from the European Union, which Johnson had championed.

Shailesh Vara, who has never served in the Cabinet, was put in charge of Northern Ireland, with the government locked in battle with Brussels over post-Brexit trading rules for the tense territory.

Mr. Johnson had been clinging on to power despite a wave of more than 50 government resignations, expressing defiance late Wednesday.

But Thursday's departure of Education Minister Michelle Donelan and a plea to quit from Finance Minister Nadhim Zahawi, only in their jobs for two days, appeared to tip the balance along with warnings of a new no-confidence vote by Tory MPs.

Mr. Johnson triumphed in 2019 with a vow to "get Brexit done" following Britain's shock referendum decision three years prior. But for many, the populist, convention-defying leader had outstayed his welcome.

Rajnath to brief parliamentary panel on Agnipath next week

Air Force received nearly 7.5 lakh applications for recruitment under the scheme

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to brief the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Defence on various aspects of Agnipath on July 11, the Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

The Defence Secretary, three Service Chiefs and senior Ministry officials are likely to be present, a statement from the Ministry said.

Recruitment of soldiers in all the three Services will henceforth take place through the recently launched scheme.

The registration process for recruitment is under way for the Army and Navy, while it has closed for the Air Force. "Compared to 6,31,528 applications in the past, which was the highest in any recruitment cycle, this time 7,49,899 applications have been received," the Air Force said on Twitter.

Forged in fire: A training session to prepare candidates for the Agnipath scheme at Gandhi Maidan in Patna. • PTI

The Navy is opening its doors to women in all streams under the Agnipath scheme. Up to 20% or 600 women will be recruited, Navy officials said.

The IAF registration was open from June 24 to July 5, while registrations for the Army and Navy opened on July 1. According to the schedule given by the IAF, the course is set to commence on December 30, 2022.

The Army has 71 Army Recruitment Offices (ARO) across the country and two AROs for recruitment of Gurkhas. Of these, 14 AROs started registration on July 1, while another 26 opened registration on July 5.

The Army plans to hold 83 rallies to recruit 40,000 Agniveers in two batches this year, while the Navy and Air Force will recruit 3,000 Agniveers each. In the first batch, the Army will induct around 25,000 Agniveers by the first half of December. The second batch will be inducted by the first half of February 2023.

On June 14, the government announced the Agnipath scheme for recruitment of soldiers into the armed forces for four years, replacing the current permanent entry scheme, and the age bracket for new recruits was fixed at 17½ to 21 years. For this year, the government has announced a one time upper age limit relaxation to 23 years.

Agniveers, on completion of four years, will get an opportunity to join the permanent cadre and up to 25% will be selected.

3 Trinamool workers killed in West Bengal

Empty cartridges were found on site

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Three workers of the Trinamool Congress, one of them a panchayat member, were killed at Canning in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on Thursday. They were on their way to participate in a meeting on the preparation for the party Martyrs' Day rally in Kolkata on July 21.

The assailants intercepted Trinamool Congress member of Gopalpur gram panchayat Swapan Majhi, and the party's local booth presidents Bhutnath Pramanik and Jhantu Halda near the Pier Park area. They first attacked Swapan Majhi and then chased and killed the other two.

Empty cartridges and a motorbike were recovered from the site. The bodies were sent for post-mortem.

The killing of the three local leaders spread shock waves in political circles. Saukat Mollah, Trinamool Congress MLA from Canning Purba, said they were planned murders. He blamed the BJP.

Some Trinamool leaders said supporters of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) were behind the crime.

Trinamool Congress MLA from Canning Paschim, Paresh Ram Das, said Swapan Majhi had told him a few days ago that there was a threat to his life.

Family members of the deceased suspected personal enmity behind the murders.

The State BJP leadership blamed factional feud in the Trinamool Congress. Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari said the police in West Bengal were busy giving security to the Chief Minister and such incidents were on the rise.

Jaishankar raises LAC issues in Bali meeting

As with their last meeting, when Mr. Wang visited Delhi in March, Mr. Jaishankar discussed other issues with him, including the status of Indian students who have not been able to return to China after the COVID-19 lockdowns, and "stressed the need for expediting the process and facilitating the return of students", the MEA said.

Even as the meeting took place in Bali, China lodged a strong protest over birthday celebrations for the Dalai Lama in India on Wednesday, particularly the engagement of "Indian officials" with the Tibetan leader.

Mr. Modi telephoned the Dalai Lama, while the Himachal CM attended the celebrations in Dharamshala. Minister of State Meenakshi Lekhi attended an event in Delhi to mark the day.

"The Indian side should fully recognise the anti-China separatist nature of the 14th Dalai Lama and abide by its commitment to China, speak and act prudently and stop using Tibet related issues to interfere in China's internal affairs," said Zhao Lijan, Chinese MFA spokesperson said.

'Consistent stance'

Asked about the protest, the MEA spokesperson said the birthday messages were part of India's "consistent policy" to treat the Dalai Lama as an "honoured guest" who was accorded courtesies and freedom to conduct religious and spiritual activities. China had also issued a strong statement on the ED searches on Vivo, a Chinese mobile phone company, saying that "frequent investigations by the Indian side into Chinese enterprises not only disrupt" businesses, but also "chills the confidence and willingness of market entities from other countries, including Chinese enterprises to invest and operate in India".

Denying the charge, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi asked companies operating in India to "follow the law of the land".

India's support

Foreign Minister Wang Yi also "appreciated" India's support during China's BRICS Chairship this year, the MEA said, including a virtual summit which Mr. Modi attended, hosted by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The Jaishankar-Wang meeting, as well as another engagement in Tashkent for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meeting on July 28-29 are expected to discuss the course ahead for a possible Modi-Xi meeting later this year at the SCO summit in mid-September and G-20 in November, depending on whether both leaders attend.

India will also host both the SCO and G-20 summits in 2023 where the Chinese President would be invited.

"[Mr. Wang] assured China's support for India's upcoming G-20 and SCO Presidency. They agreed to remain in touch," the MEA statement added.

Vivo sent 50% of sale proceeds to China: ED

It disclosed losses in several domestically incorporated companies to avoid payment of taxes, says agency

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The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday alleged that Vivo India remitted almost 50% of the sale proceeds overseas, mainly to China, to report huge losses in several domestically incorporated companies to avoid payment of taxes in India.

"Vivo is cooperating with the authorities to provide them with all required information. As a responsible corporate, we are committed to be fully compliant with laws," Vivo India's spokesperson had earlier said.

The ED statement came two days after it conducted searches at 48 locations across the country, including the premises linked to Vivo India and its associated entities, in a case involving Grand Prospect International Communication Private Ltd. (GPICPL) that was allegedly being run by some Chinese nationals.

According to the agency, of the total sale proceeds of ₹1,25,185 crore in the country, Vivo India had transferred out ₹62,476 crore.

Attempt to cover-up

"Due procedures as per law were followed during the said operations... the employees of Vivo India, including some Chinese nationals, did not cooperate with the search proceedings and had tried to abscond, remove and hide digital devices which were retrieved by the search teams," said the agency.

It has so far seized 119 bank accounts of various entities with gross balance of about ₹465 crore, including ₹66 crore in fixed deposits of Vivo India, two kg of gold bars and ₹73 lakh in cash.

Out of ₹1,25,185 cr., Vivo has transferred out ₹62,476 cr.

Vivo Mobiles India was incorporated in Delhi in August 2014 as a subsidiary of Hong Kong-based Multi Accord Ltd. In December 2014, GPICPL was incorporated allegedly by Chinese nationals Zhengshen Ou, Bin Lou and Zhang Jie, with the help of chartered accountant Nitin Garg. It was registered with the Shimla Registrar of Companies with its offices shown in Himachal Pradesh's Solan and Jammu.

Mr. Bin left the country on April 26, 2018, while Mr. Zhengshen and Mr. Zhang went abroad last year. The ED said that Mr. Bin was also a former director of Vivo. He had allegedly floated 18 companies across the country just after the incorporation of Vivo India in 2014-15. Another Chinese national, Zhixin Wei, incorporated four companies.

Wide network

The suspect entities were located in Delhi, Gurugram, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Chennai, Bengaluru, Kochi, Jaipur, Kolkata, Indore, Guwahati, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar.

"These companies are found to have transferred huge funds to Vivo India," said the agency, adding that further investigations were under way.

The ED's money laundering probe is based on a first information report (FIR) registered at the Kalkaji police station in Delhi on December 5, 2021, following a complaint from the Deputy Registrar of Companies (RoC), Delhi and Haryana.

It was alleged that certain Chinese shareholders of GPICPL were projecting it to be a subsidiary of Vivo and had also used forged documents and falsified addresses in conspiracy with the accused chartered accountants, including Jagmohan Chodha and Ankita Uniyal.

The agency found that GPICPL directors had disclosed the addresses that turned out to be of a government building and the house of a senior bureaucrat, as alleged.

'12-13% NPAs in loans given to street vendors'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Non-performing assets (NPA) accounted for "12-13%" of the loans disbursed to street vendors under the Prime Minister's Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM-Svanidhi) scheme, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri said on Thursday.

The scheme, which was launched on July 2, 2020, has so far disbursed loans of ₹10,000 each to 30.23 lakh street vendors, of which 11.63 lakh loans have been repaid, according to the official PM-Svanidhi website. Fifty-six loans of ₹50,000 have been disbursed, while none of them have been repaid yet.

At a press conference, Mr. Puri said they [NPAs] were "12-13%", which was not worrying. "The NPAs are manageable," he said.

Amravati accused in NIA remand

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

A National Investigation Agency (NIA) court on Thursday remanded seven accused of the murder of a pharmacist in Amravati in the agency's custody till July 15.

In the court, NIA counsel Sandeep Sadavarte requested 'in-camera' proceedings, which prohibit the public and media from being present. According to defence lawyers, Mr. Sadavarte sought custody for 15 days. But advocate Sharif Shaikh, appearing for one of the accused, said no terrorist organisation was involved.

Security conclave agrees to tackle common threats

Members recommend setting up joint working groups

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The sixth Deputy National Advisers' meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave held here on Thursday resolved to combat jointly the increasing threats related to maritime safety, terrorism, trafficking and organised crime affecting partner nations.

A road map for cooperation was discussed at the meeting attended by India, the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka. Representatives of Bangladesh and the Seychelles – the two observer nations in the conclave – also shared their views on the occasion.

Suggesting the formulation of flexible prosecution laws among the member countries, General Shavendra Silva, Chief of Defence Staff, Sri Lanka, recommended setting up joint working groups and agencies to collect, store and disseminate intelligence on common developments as an effective way to tackle the various threats posed by international crime networks.

Ahmed Latheef, Foreign Secretary of the Maldives, said the security outlook of the partnering nations needed to remain dynamic as the common threats continued to evolve in unprecedented ways.

Yoidhisteer Thecka, Principal Coordinator of Security Matters at the Prime Minister's Office, Mauritius, suggested a coordinated approach among the partner nations to protect the mutual interests.

Vikram Misri, Deputy National Security Adviser, India, said maritime safety and security would always be paramount to the conclave.

CBI arrests Power Grid, Tata officials for graft

Deals in Arunachal, Sikkim under watch

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested an executive director of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) and five officials of the Noida-based Tata Projects Ltd. on bribery charge in connection with some work contracts in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

Those arrested were B.S. Jha, PGCIL executive director from Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh; and Tata Project's executive vice-president Desh Raj Pathak, assistant vice-president R.N. Singh, regional project manager Nafeej Hussain Khan and two other employees, Randheer Kumar Singh and Sandeep Kumar Dubey.

Conspiracy for favours

The company has also been named as an accused in the case registered on the basis of source information.

The agency has alleged that Mr. Jha conspired with others to extend favours to the company for various works, including preparation of inflated bills, early clearing of the bills and the price variation clause related to the PGCIL contracts in lieu of illegal gratification. Tata Projects had bagged the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. tenders related to a comprehensive scheme for Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

Cash seized

Based on the findings, the CBI launched an operation and arrested the six accused. Subsequent searches in Gurugram, Noida and Ghaziabad resulted in the seizure of ₹93 lakh in cash allegedly from the public servant's residence, digital devices and documents. The accused were produced before a special court which remanded them in the agency's custody till July 15.

"It is likely that investigations in the case may lead to detection of some other instances of corruption allegedly involving the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited executive director," said an official.

SC to take up today Zubair's plea for liberty, protection

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has listed for Friday an appeal filed by Mohammed Zubair, the jailed co-founder of the fact-checking website Alt News, seeking liberty and right to free speech and protection from death threats.

The case will be heard by a Vacation Bench of Justices Indira Banerjee and J.K. Maheshwari. The same Bench heard the case on Thursday after noting a plea of urgency made by senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, who represented Mr. Zubair, during an oral mentioning.

On June 1, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Police registered a case against Mr. Zubair on the basis of a complaint that he tweeted "offensive words towards *mahants* of religious places symbolising our faith and thereby hurting our religious sentiments". He was accused of offences under Section 295A (insulting religion) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67 (publishing or transmitting obscene material) of the Information Technology Act.

Mr. Zubair was first arrested by the Delhi Police in a separate FIR, also accusing him of hurting religious sentiments.

In his appeal, Mr. Zubair urged the Supreme Court to stay the investigation into the "absurd" charges and ultimately quash the FIR registered in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh. He contended that the police were following a "new strategy" for registering hate crime cases – "register FIRs against those engaging in hate speech and communal crimes, as well as to rope in all secular elements monitoring such crimes and protesting police inaction against the wrongdoers". He said "those who engage in hate speech are numerous and well-organised".

Centre to promote dragon fruit cultivation

Plan is to increase cultivation from 3,000 hectares to 50,000 hectares in five years

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NEW DELHI

Following in the footsteps of the Gujarat and Haryana governments, the Centre has decided to promote the cultivation of dragon fruit, known as a "super fruit" for its health benefits. The Centre feels that considering the cost effectiveness and global demand for the fruit due to its nutritional values, its cultivation can be expanded in India. At present, this exotic fruit is cultivated in 3,000 hectares; the plan is to increase cultivation to 50,000 hectares in five years.

The Gujarat government recently renamed dragon fruit as *kamlam* [lotus] and announced an incentive for farmers who cultivate it. The Haryana government also provides a grant for farmers who are ready to plant this exotic fruit variety. The fruit is considered good for diabetic patients, low in calories and high in nutrients like iron, calcium, potassium and zinc. Addressing a national conclave on the fruit here on Thursday, Union Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja said the demand for the fruit is high in domestic and global markets because of its nutritional values.

Dragon fruit costs up to ₹400 per kg in local markets.

Win-win situation

"50,000 hectares in five years is an achievable target. The demand for the fruit will remain. Prices for farmers will also be good. The benefit is that this fruit can be cultivated in degraded and rainfed land," Mr. Ahuja said. He added that the Centre will assist States in providing good quality planting materials to farmers.

Talking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the conclave, he said the Centre can also provide specific target-based help to States and farmers under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). "Processing infrastructure can also be developed with the help of the Food Processing Ministry. Its cultivation will be beneficial for farmers and consumers. It is a win-win situation for all," he added.

According to the authorities, and the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, the fruit plant doesn't need much water and can be cultivated on dry land, too. Horticulture Commissioner Prabhat Kumar told *The Hindu* that dragon fruit is now sold at a price of ₹400 per kg and the effort is to make it available to consumers for ₹100 per kg.

APPEAL

Name of Patient: **Baby B ANIK PRODHAN,** 2 years. Hospital Name: MANIPAL HOSPITAL, BANGALORE
Diagnosis: Congenital Heart Disease, Large doubly commited VSD shunting L-R, small PDA L-R, severe PAH. He requires to undergo early VSD surgical closure with PDA Ligation to prevent irreversible damage to the vital organs of his body. The estimated cost of the surgery is **Rs. 3,00,000/-**
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IN BRIEF

M.P. police asks Twitter to remove post

RAIPUR

The Madhya Pradesh Police on Thursday wrote to Twitter, asking it to take down a tweet posted by filmmaker Leena Manimekalai within 36 hours or face legal action. Since the initial tweet posted by Ms. Manimekalai that published a poster of her documentary film *Kaali*, depicting the Hindu Goddess smoking and holding an LGBTQ flag, three FIRs have been filed in Madhya Pradesh in connection to it.

New era dawned in J&K on August 5, 2019: Shah

NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that a new era dawned in Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019, when the special status of the former State under Article 370 of the Constitution was removed by Parliament. Mr. Shah made the remark during the virtual unveiling of the statue of 11th century Vaishnavite saint Sri Ramanajucharya at the Sun Temple in Sonawar on the outskirts of Srinagar.

Zubair denied bail in U.P. case, sent to 6 days in police custody

Journalist being harassed, says his counsel

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

A court in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh on Thursday denied bail to Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair in a case related to a May 2022 tweet of his which referred to Hindu seers accused of hate speech as "hatemongers".

The court said the offences he was accused of were grave, cognisable and non-bailable in nature.

The same court remanded Mr. Zubair to six days in the custody of the Sitapur police, starting 10 a.m. on Friday and ending at noon on July 14, following which he must be produced before the court concerned.

Mr. Zubair had filed a bail application, arguing that offences under Sections 153A and 295A of the IPC and Section 67 of the Information Technology (IT) Act as alleged in the first information report (FIR) were not made out against him. While dismissing this application, the court noted that the possibility of the accused repeating the actions he was accused of, tampering with evidence or influencing witnesses could not be ruled out yet.

Mohammed Zubair • PTI

Police application

The police moved an application seeking Mr. Zubair's custody for 12 days, saying they needed to seize the mobile phone he was using when the May 27 tweet was posted.

The police added that the tweet in question had the potential to cause communal tensions and law and order problems, and hence Mr. Zubair needed to be put through intense interrogation.

While granting the Sitapur police six days' custody of Mr. Zubair, the court said that given the circumstances of the case and the grave nature of offences Mr. Zubair stands accused of, "it seems important for the mobile phone, with which the tweet was posted, to be seized by the authorities".

Mr. Zubair's counsel argued that the FIR registered by the Sitapur police and their subsequent application for police remand was nothing but an attempt to harass the journalist.

They added that in case the court decided to grant police remand, it must direct that the police ensure his security during his custody.

Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Abhinav Shrivastav in his order directed the police to refrain from inflicting any physical or mental torture upon Mr. Zubair and prevented the police from using any "third-degree" interrogation methods.

Matter is sub judice, says MEA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In response to Germany's observations on the Muhammed Zubair case, India on Thursday said that commenting on a *sub judice* matter was not appropriate. The response from the Ministry of External Affairs came a day after officials in Berlin said the German Embassy here was "closely following" the case. "In itself, it is a domestic issue. There is a judicial process under way in this case and I don't think it would be appropriate for me or anyone else to comment on a case that is sub judice," said the MEA's official spokesperson Arindam Bagchi.

NEP will develop skilled and confident youth, says PM

Modi inaugurates a conference on policy implementation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the National Education Policy (NEP) focused on imparting skills to students based on their aptitude and choices.

Mr. Modi inaugurated a three-day Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in Varanasi, which is being attended by over 300 academic, administrative and institutional leaders. He said the the policy would help develop all the human resource necessary for the country's progress.

"Our youth should be skilled, confident and practical, the education policy is preparing the ground for this," he said. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the country was today one of the fastest growing economies in the world and it was the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world, the Prime Minister noted.

Stating that the NEP, which was introduced after a gap of 30 years, would be instrumental in realising innumerable possibilities, Mr. Modi said, "The education system created by the British was never part of the Indian ethos. The basic premise of the NEP is to take education out of narrow thinking and connect it with the modern ideas of the 21st century."

Focus on education: Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the 'Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam' in Varanasi. • PTI

The Prime Minister said the Indian ethos of education was multi-sectoral and the same approach was required in a new system with modern processes. Highlighting the importance of research, he sought a "lab-to-land" approach.

Mr. Modi said that in the field of alternative medicine, including Ayurveda, there was a need for evidence-based research. Research on solutions to the challenges of ageing societies, building better waste recycling systems and managing climate change also provided a wide range of opportunities, he said.

Among those present were Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Nana Patole meets Cong. high command

Discussions held at 10 Janpath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Days after Eknath Shinde government won the trust vote in Maharashtra, State Congress chief Nana Patole met the party's top leadership at party president Sonia Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence on Thursday.

Though there was no official statement on the meeting from the All India Congress Committee, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal are said to have attended the meeting. This is also the first meeting of top leaders with Mr. Patole after the collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA). The timing of the meeting assumes significance as nearly a dozen of the Congress MLAs in Maharashtra couldn't participate in the voting process. While some were absent, others were late to reach the floor of the Assembly and were not allowed to vote.

Though the Congress backed the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction, many believe that Congress MLAs were divided over the issue. The issue of the renaming of Aurangabad and Osmanabad had been one of the points on which the Congress and the Uddhav Thackeray-led government had differed.

The Congress high command had taken serious note of the cross-voting during the Legislative Council elections in which the party's first choice and Dalit leader Chandrakant Handore lost while the Congress's second candidate and Mumbai unit Congress chief, Bhai Jagtap, managed to become an MLC. While two MLAs are said to have cross-voted, five Congress MLAs who were meant to vote for the party's first choice are believed to have voted for the second one.

Next hearing of Shahi Idgah dispute on July 11

Mosque panel had challenged suit

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

In the ongoing Shahi Idgah mosque-Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi temple dispute, the plaintiff's advocate, Mahendra Pratap Singh, on Thursday filed objections to the mosque committee's application challenging the maintainability of his suit.

Mr. Singh argued that the Places of Worship Act cannot be applied in this case, as suggested by a district court earlier this year while directing that a similar suit in the dispute should be admitted afresh.

The Shahi Idgah mosque management committee is currently facing at least six similar suits, including Mr. Singh's, in Mathura, claiming ownership of the land on which the mosque is built.

In Thursday's hearing, Mr. Singh cited the district court's order in the suit of advocate Ranjana Agnihotri, who was the first to initiate a legal suit in the dispute, that the Places of Worship Act, 1991 might not apply to this case.

"In both the cases, the defendant is the same, the disputed property is the same and the grounds for the suits are the same. So, the district court's decision in Ms. Agnihotri's suit should apply to our case as well," Mr. Singh told *The Hindu*.

Advocate Tanveer Ahmed, secretary of the mosque management committee and its lawyer, said that despite hearings in this suit going on for months now, the plaintiff had filed objections to the maintainability challenge only now.

"This seems to be an attempt to stall proceedings," Mr. Ahmed said, adding the suit would come up next on July 11.

Other similar suits will be heard on July 15.

Trinamool calls for action against Ghosh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Senior leaders of the Trinamool Congress met West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday and demanded action against BJP national vice-president and Medinipur MP Dilip Ghosh for making objectionable remarks against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee .

Mr. Ghosh, however, remained unfazed and said the government could arrest him. Mr. Ghosh said the Trinamool should be ashamed of approaching the Governor, whom they often criticise.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Division, 2nd & 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, Near BWSSB Water Tank, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073
No.: BBMP/EE/DD /Ten/04 /2022-23 Date: 07.07.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Short Term Tender)

Two Tender Document System (through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) - KW-4

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Lakhs)
1	Comprehensive Development works in Abbigere, Babanna Layout, KG Halli & Shettyhalli surrounding area in Ward No.12 Shettyhalli, Shettyhalli Sub Division (4-Works) of Dasarahalli Division under Amrutha Nagarothana Yojane Grants. (PACKAGE- CM ANY - 01). (GO Order No: ನ.ಆ.ಇ. 153 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಜೆ 2022(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022) GO SL No. 02, 03, 04 & 05.	1,500.00	15.00
2	Comprehensive Development works in MEI Layout & Bagalagunte Village, Sidedahalli Village, Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Sheshadri Layout & BTS Layout, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara Village, M.S.Ramaiah Layout, Soap factory Layout & Manjunatha Nagara, Surrounding area in Ward no. 14 Bagalagunte & Kempegowda Nagara, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, Kalahasti Nagara & Model Colony & MTS Colony & Coconut Garden Surrounding area in Ward no 15, T. Dasarahalli Sub Division (7 Works) of Dasarahalli Division under Amrutha Nagarothana Yojane Grants. (PACKAGE- CM ANY - 02). (GO Order No: ನ.ಆ.ಇ. 153 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಜೆ 2022(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022) GO SL No. 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12 & 13.	1,950.00	19.50
3	Comprehensive Development Roads and Drains to Amaravathi Badavane and Eshwari Industrial Areas, Nelagadaranahalli Hightension Wire Roads and Main Road, Chokkasandra Old Village, Kempaiah Badavane (Lake Beside), Mariswamappa Garden and Belmar Layout, Rukmini Nagar and Jodibhavi Road, Kalyani Area Road and Hightension Road, Gundappa Layout, Vidya Nagar and Jamungunte & Gruhalakshmi Layout Surrounding Areas in ward no. 39 Peenya Industrial area Sub Division (9 Works) of Dasarahalli Division under Amrutha Nagarothana Yojane Grants. (PACKAGE- CM ANY - 03). (GO Order No: ನ.ಆ.ಇ. 153 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಜೆ 2022(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022) GO SL No. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22.	1,200.00	15.00
4	Comprehensive Development of Bad roads and Improvements to road side drains, Footpaths, Asphalting and Concreting including culvert to selected main and other connecting roads of Duggalamma Layout, MEC and MEI Colony, Parvathi nagar and Rajeshwari Nagara and Nelagadaranahalli Maramma Temple surrounding roads, Shivapura, Kalyani Motors Surrounding roads, Shivapura - Sondekoppa main road Surrounding Areas in ward no. 41, Peenya Sub Division (3 - Works) of Dasarahalli Division under Amrutha Nagarothana Yojane Grants. (PACKAGE- CM ANY- 04). (GO Order No: ನ.ಆ.ಇ. 153 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಜೆ 2022(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022) GO SL No. 23, 24 & 25.	1,200.00	15.00
5	Comprehensive Development Roads and Drains From 12th Cross to 21th Cross From Doddanna Industrial Area Main Road to Srigandha Nagara Main Road & surroundings roads, Kempegowda Layout & Kasthuri Badavane, at Main roads & Cross roads Rajagopalanagara, Shambhavi Nagara, Bhyraveshwara nagara & Rajeshwari Nagara & Main roads & Cross roads of Srigandha Nagara, Kareemsab Layout, Main roads & Cross roads connecting Bodubunde Anjaneya Temple road, Konika Garments surrounding roads in Ward No. 70 of Hegganahalli Sub Division (3 - Works) of Dasarahalli Division under Amrutha Nagarothana Yojane Grants. (PACKAGE- CM ANY - 05). (GO Order No: ನ.ಆ.ಇ. 153 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಜೆ 2022(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022) GO SL No. 25, 26, 27 & 28	1,200.00	15.00
6	Comprehensive development works in Mallsandra Ward no 13, Sheetyhalli sub division & Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains at Main roads and Cross roads of Srigandha Nagara, Sunkadakatte, Hoysala Nagara & Gajanana Nagara, Sanjeevini nagara 1st stage, Sanjeevini nagara 3rd stage, Sanjeevini nagara 2nd stage & Lakshman Nagara, Main Cross roads of Bhyraveshwara Industrial area, Nadakerappa Industrial Area, Mayura Nagara, Friends Colony, Shivananda Nagara & Maruthi Nagar & Comprehensive Development works in Hegganahalli Ward No.71 (5 - works) of Dasarahalli Division under Amrutha Nagarothana Yojane Grants. (PACKAGE- CM ANY - 06). (GO Order No: ನ.ಆ.ಇ. 153 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಜೆ 2022(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022) GO SL No. 06, 29, 30, 31 & 32.	1,950.00	19.50

Calendar of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from **15.07.2022.** (2) Pre bid for two cover tender meeting will be held on **02.08.2022, 11:30 a.m.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, 2nd & 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, Near BWSSB Water Tank, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073. (3) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **06.08.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines. (4) Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP on **08.08.2022** at **4:30 p.m.** (5) Financial bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP on **10.08.2022** at **4:30 p.m. (If possible)** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Electrical (General), Construction, Chennai Egmore
Tender Notice No : E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT3-2022-23
Date : 05.07.2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy. Chief Elec. Engineer / Gen/Cons/S.Rly/Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites E-Tender for the following works.

Name of work : Electrification of two nos of CAMTECH standard pit lines for 24 LHB coach length in NL9, NL10 and 750 V power supply arrangements for 6 pit lines and NL8, PL3 and PL6 in Basin Bridge coaching yard.

E-HQ-CN-MS EOT3-2022-23 dt : 05.07.2022

Period of completion : Twelve months
Approximate cost of work : Rs.5,69,54,248.15
Cost of tender form : Nil
Earnest Money deposit : Rs.4,34,800/-
Tender closing date: 29.07.2022

Complete details can be seen www.ireps.gov.in

Dy Chief Elec. Engineer / Gen / Cons / S.Rly., Egmore, Chennai - 8.

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Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India, Zonal Office, Karnataka, Vijinapura, Doorvaninagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 016. Ph: 080-25668258, e-mail: szo_kvicbn@rediffmail.com

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Khadi & Village Industries Commission invites Online Applications from candidates willing to work as 'Young Professionals'. It is purely contractual basis for one year only, may be further extended for maximum 3 years. Monthly Remuneration will be Rs.25,000/- to Rs.30,000/- plus Conveyance Rs. 2,500/- to Rs. 3,000/-. For further details, kindly visit to our website: **kvic.org.in** Last date for receipt of application is **30-07-2022.**

Issued by: Dy. Chief Executive Officer (SZ), Khadi & Village Industries commission, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India, Vijinapura, Dooravani Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

MUNICIPAL BOAR, NATHDWARA DIST.- RAJSAMAN
S.No./M.B.Nath/Nirman/22/ 13229 Date : 29-06-2022

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for different works Nit No. 13/2022-23 of Municipal Board Nathdwara are invited from interested bidders up to date 28-07-2022 on 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state govt.

UBNNo.:- DL82223WSOB03869
Raj.Samwad/C/22/4552 Commissioner

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/KKD/11/2022-23. JJM 2020-21 - Phase 1- Kottur & Naduvannur Grama Panchayath in Kozhikode District - Providing functional household tap connections by Laying new distribution system. EMD : Rs. 500000. Tender fee : Rs. 15000. Last Date for submitting Tender : **03-08-2022 05:00:pm**. Phone : 04952371046. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

KWA-JB-GL-6-479-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kozhikode

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.309, Annexure-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: EE-4(Lakes)/TEND/04/2022-23 Date: 07.07.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-4 (Lakes) BBMP, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	"**Package-18:** (a) Comprehensive development of Abbigere Lake, (b) Comprehensive developmental works to Shivapura Lake, (c) Comprehensive development of Nelegadaranahalli Lake".	**1050.00**	10.50

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from: **18.07.2022 onwards.** 2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **22.07.2022 at 15:00 hrs.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer-4, Lakes, BBMP. 3) Last date and time for submission of Tenders: **29.07.2022 upto 16:00 hrs.** (4) Technical Bids will be opened on : **01.08.2022 at 16:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or Contact office Phone No: 080-22221170.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-4, Lakes, BBMP

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KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF COMPLEX, DR. M. H. MARIGOWDA ROAD, BANGALORE-560029.
Tel: 080-25536625/255367789, Fax: 080-25536105

IFT:NO. KMF/ENGG/Solar Group Captive/2022-23 Date: 07.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two Cover System] [Through E-procurement portal only]

The Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible tenderers to Design, Finance, Installation, Commissioning, Synchronization, with Operations & Maintenance for a period of 25 years of capacity 90 -100 MW Solar Power Plant on Group Captive Mode. The interested and reputed suppliers / manufacturers / firms who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Design, Finance, Installation, Commissioning, Synchronization, with Operations & Maintenance for a period of 25 years of capacity 90 -100 MW Solar Power Plant on Group Captive Mode.	1 Job	3,92,44,725/-	18 months (Execution) 25 Years (Operation & Maintenance)

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from : 11.07.2022 to 12.08.2022 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission :12.08.2022 up to 4.00 pm
3. Pre-bid meeting : 20.07.2022 at 11.30 am
4. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on 18.08.2022 at 11.30 am.

Henceforth changes/modification in the tender, it will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

Director [Engineering-2]

Monsoon getting hotter than summer: study

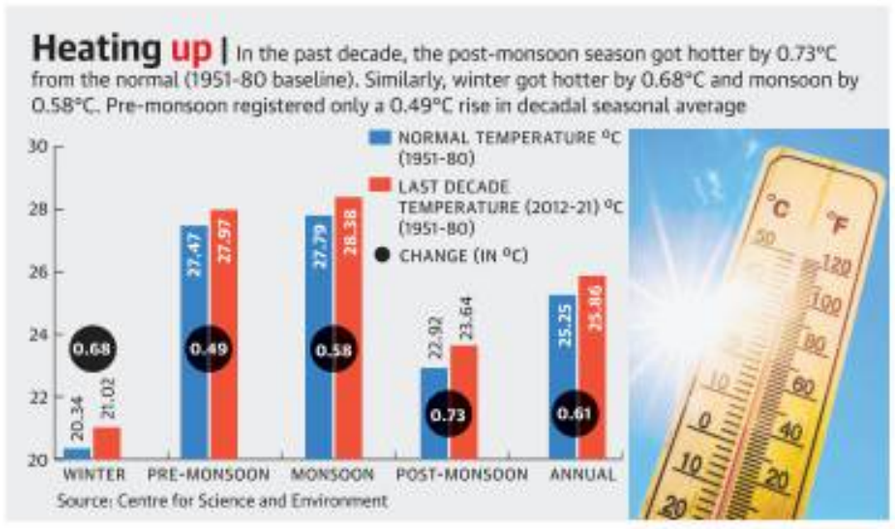
Average temperatures during the season are 0.3 degrees Celsius higher than the average summer figures, says CSE analysis

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The monsoon has usually meant respite from the heat, but temperatures during these months –June to September – are seeing a rise, says an analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), an environment group, made public on Thursday.

At an all-India level, average temperatures during the season are 0.3 degrees Celsius higher than the average summer temperatures (March to May) when compared from 1951 to 1980. In the past decade, 2012-2021, this anomaly has risen to 0.4 degrees Celsius.

India's average temperature has risen 0.62 degrees Celsius from 1901 to 2020, according to India Meteorological Department records. However, in a a breakdown of this rise, the CSE analysis shows it has translated to summer temperatures rising slower than not only monsoon but even post-monsoon (October-December) and winter (January and February) temperatures. The increase in these two seasons are 0.79 degrees and 0.58 degrees, respectively, whereas summer temperatures has risen only 0.49 degrees. This year, India saw record pre-monsoon temperatures in northern and western regions, in the absence of rain.



The average daily maximum temperature for March and April for Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand – as per IMD classification – was almost 4 degrees Celsius above normal (compared to its baseline of 1981-2010). This is almost twice as much as the anomaly observed at an all-India level, and it holds true for even average daily minimum, daily mean and land surface temperatures, the CSE noted. Temperatures became closer to normal during May.

While these were searing conditions, CSE authors say they obscured the rise in temperatures in other parts of the country.

The average daily maximum for north-western States for March was 30.7 degrees Celsius, whereas the all-India average was 33.1 degrees Celsius, or 2.4 degrees Celsius hotter. The average daily minimum temperature showed an even larger (4.9 degrees Celsius) difference.

Central India (Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha) and the southern peninsular region (Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana) had higher normal temperatures than in the northwest during the pre-monsoon or summer season.

Central India's normal maximum was 2-7 degrees Celsius higher, while south peninsular India's normal minimum was 4-10 degrees Celsius higher than temperatures in northwest India.

These numbers had a bearing on heatwave deaths. From 2015 to 2020, 2,137 people had reportedly died of heat stroke in the States in northwest but the southern peninsula region had reported 2,444 deaths due to excess environmental heat, with Andhra Pradesh alone accounting for over half the reported casualties. Delhi reported only one death for the period. Most deaths have been reported among working age men (30-60 age group). "The understanding of the public health impacts of meteorological conditions like heat wave is still weak in India," the analysis underlined.

Effect of heat wave

The years – 2016 and 2017 – reported twice the number of hazardous heat wave events compared to 2015, but reported deaths caused were less than a quarter of the 2015 toll. The urban heat island effect contributed to heat stress.

In terms of absolute air temperature, Hyderabad, with a 7.1 degrees Celsius variation, had the most pronounced heat islands, while Kolkata had just 1.3 degrees Celsius.

Too early to gauge BA.2.75, say experts

WHO monitoring new COVID variant

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Top scientists and doctors in India said on Thursday that it is too early to understand the nature and severity of the new sub-variant of Omicron – BA.2.75 – reported in the country.

The highly transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19 has been driving a surge of infections globally. The World Health Organization said it is monitoring the BA.2.75 variant, which has been reported from over 10 countries.

"About this new variant – so far there is no data available, except the increasing COVID numbers, which makes it difficult to arrive at any conclusion about the severity of the new variant," said Pragya D. Yadav from the Maximum Containment Laboratory at the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune. She said the rising cases were due to many other reasons. "It's too early to comment on the nature of the variant," Dr. Yadav added.

The BA.2.75 variant has been reported from over 10 countries. •MOORTHY RV

Mild infection

Rajeev Jayadevan, co-chairman, Indian Medical Association's national COVID-task force, said that in India, the limited genomic surveillance data indicate that it is predominantly the BA.2 sub-lineages that are circulating. Among them, BA.2.75 received attention from experts around the world because of a combination of mutations that makes it more likely to be immune evasive.

"We do not have the actual clinical profile yet, and the limited data on BA.2.75 cases from India indicate these are mild or asymptomatic. But it is wrong to comment one way or the other based on a few cases," he said.

India's Omicron wave started in December 2021 with BA.1, which was then taken over by BA.2, BA.4 and BA.5, which are Omicron sub-lineages of greater concern and leading the surges in Europe.

"BA.2 is an upgraded version of Omicron, which is why it displaced BA.1. Naturally, as the virus adapts further to escape human immune response and also to transmit faster, it will create changes in its genetic code based on a continuous study of human immune response. The special ability of Omicron is that it is weakly immunogenic, which means that the immune response following an Omicron infection is not good enough to protect against repeated infections by its own sub-lineages. For example, if someone was infected with BA.1, that person is not immune to BA.4 or BA.5 infection, even though they are all within the Omicron subgroup," said Dr. Jayadevan.

In India, Maharashtra has been reporting a large number of COVID-19 cases.

Manjusha Agarwal, senior consultant, internal medicine, at Global Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, said they have had cases of this variant.

"We are seeing many OPD patients with COVID-19 every day. However, the new variant so far seems to be mild and typically lasts for two or three days. Also over the past six months, the virus seems to be causing less severe disease. However, elderly people with co-morbidities should be very careful. Also, we are seeing many patients with fever and respiratory symptoms who do not have COVID-19, so there is an emergence of non-COVID viral fevers which cause respiratory symptoms. Hence, it is important to visit your doctor for faster diagnosis," Dr. Agarwal said.

Trends show 27% dip in paddy sowing

Farmers blame rise in fertilizer prices

A.M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

Multiple factors such as water scarcity in Punjab and increase in fertilizer prices are considered the reasons for a 27% decrease in paddy sowing till July 1 during this kharif season.

Though recently, Union Food Minister Piyush Goyal had urged the States to encourage farmers to sow paddy in more areas, the Union Agriculture Ministry believes that it is too early to assess any decrease in the acreage of cultivation as the monsoon is not yet active in North India. Farmers' organisations, however, have claimed that the situation is worrisome as farmers in many places have decided not to sow paddy due to unavailability and high prices of essential fertilizers.

They demanded the Centre reduce the prices of fertilizers.

The Centre, however, says that it's too early to predict a decrease in sowing. Union Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja told *The Hindu* on Thursday that the Centre is monitoring the situation. "As the monsoon gets active, sowing will also improve. It is too early to predict a decrease in paddy sowing. We are constantly monitoring the situation," Mr. Ahuja said.

The government data show that till July 1, paddy has been sown on 43.45 lakh hectares in the country. In 2021, during the corresponding period, the sowing was done on 59.56 lakh hectares. This kharif season, the decrease so far in acreage of paddy is 16.11 lakh hectares (27.05%). The farmers have also been complaining about inadequate supply and high prices for diammonium phosphate (DAP), muriate of potash (MOP) and nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK), the three fertilizers used for paddy.

Government data show that the prices of the three fertilizers have increased due to global situation. The Centre has been maintaining it has ensured availability of fertilizers and regulating prices through subsidies.

Farmers organisations demanded the Centre to reduce the prices of fertilizers and diesel and announce better MSP for rice to attract farmers. "The government has abysmally failed on the fertilizer front in the past seven months. The fertilizer shortage and rise in price has led to tremendous black marketing. DAP and potash are required for rice. Farmers are unable to plant rice if they don't get fertilizers. The mismanagement of the Centre has led to a situation that the food security is in threat," said All India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawale.

Normalcy returns

Slow start: Tribal women catching fish in a waterhole as flood waters started receding at Singra village of Kamrup (rural) district of Assam on Thursday. •RITU RAJ KONWAR

Set up MSP panel as promised, Congress tells Centre

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Narendra Modi government should honour its commitment to the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) of constituting a committee on minimum support price (MSP) for crops and bring out a White Paper on the "prevailing food grain crisis" in the country, the Congress said on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, Rajya Sabha member and Haryana leader Deepender Hooda said his party stood with the demands of farmers and would support them in their agitation.

He said the Congress would extend full support to the SKM that was holding *Vishwasghaat* (betrayal) seminars from July 18 to 31 across the country and would take up their cause in Parliament.

Slamming the Modi government over the tardy procurement of foodgrains, Mr. Hooda claimed that foodgrain stocks in India were at 15-year low and per capita stocks at a 50-year low. This had forced the Centre to reduce wheat allocations to 10 States, including BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, he alleged.

"We want to tell the government to immediately set up the MSP committee as promised to farmers by the Prime Minister to provide legal guarantee to minimum support price. The government should also publish a White Paper on the current crisis of foodgrains, clearly spelling out who has benefited from the export of wheat. The White Paper should also be on the procurement and public distribution system policy in the country," he told presspersons.

Agnipath scheme

The Haryana Congress leader alleged that the government was playing around with national security by launching the Agnipath recruitment policy and with food security by allowing export of wheat.

"The BJP government's motto is to stand with some big industrialists and serve them while exploiting farmers and farm labourers," Mr. Hooda said.

Taking a dig at the Modi government, the Congress leader said the promise of doubling farmers' income and setting up a committee on MSP was now in the same category of "unfulfilled" promises of providing two crore jobs and bringing black money from abroad.

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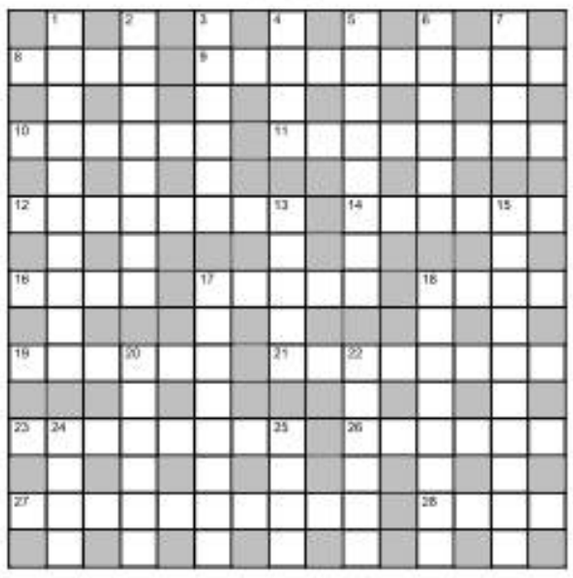

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9 Present CEO is mad! Everyone knows it! (4,6)
10 Hate steed throwing model (6)
11 Girl in Nippon managed to get in good table tennis (4-4)
12 His maths formulation is an overwhelming success (5,3)
14 Feels absence of girls? (6)
16 Drinks in Riverdale School (4)
17 Fliers having offers, including rebates, initially (5)
18 Standard operating procedures to give incentives (4)
19 Imagine India exits arrangement. It is puzzling (6)
21 Elevated railway in inferior city (8)
23 Raider damages an eardrum without using noise in the beginning (8)
26 Brags, "Vessels carrying sulphur sunk at first" (6)
27 Wrongly boiled asps which can be thrown (10)
28 In Greece, Cupid destroyed rose (4)

Down

1 Alert women diced fruit (10)
2 Emphasises, "Square locks" (8)
3 Hostilely shout about Chinese liquor (6)
4 Assist helipad not having current air defence (4)
5 Destructive waves destroying man's suit (8)
6 Policeman on initial exploration aboard ship gets instruments (6)
7 Average male person has energy (4)
13 Pulse broth is prepared (5)
15 Earlier version of book covers commencement of polar voyage (10)
17 Logo is hot! Wave aggressively... (8)
18 Person who may barely run or skate wildly around Romeo and Queen (8)
20 Understands turf extends over park (6)
22 Took first half of lobster (after removing tail) on cot and threw up (6)
24 Dry part of Faridkot (4)
25 Massage Yankee to obtain gemstone (4)

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FAITH

Cultivate equanimity

The seers of yore, steeped in meditation, have affirmed the presence of a silent and constant witness to all the tumult and change manifest in creation. They have recorded their experience in the Upanishads thus: 'The same Self dwells in all, in whatever there is, in this universe.' But it is very difficult for all of us caught in samsara to grasp the infinity behind the diversity that is constantly causing delusion in us. We perceive only the distinct nature and quality in all objects and beings in creation and not the oneness in it.

How can we also experience this jnana? By giving up anger and by cultivating 'sama darsana' or equanimity, is the answer provided by Adi Sankara in his hymn the Bhaja Govinda, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse. In the verse, 'Tvayi Mayi', the acharya explains how to practise and develop the vision that the same God is present in you, me and everyone else. Roughly, the meaning of the verse can be explained thus: "In you and in me and elsewhere, the same Vishnu is present. You are angry with me and impatient for no reason. If you want to attain 'Vishnutvam' or God realisation, without delay practise to be equal minded."

The Lord says in the Gita that He is present as the indweller in the entire creation. The term Vishnu indicates the omnipresence of Brahman. We have to consciously cultivate the bhava by which we see the atma in everything behind the outward form. Even when we are intolerant and show anger to anyone, we should think, it is actually directed to the antaratma within. So, it is Vishnu who is the target of our anger. Likewise. when we offer anyone something, or show consideration, it is Vishnu the antaratma who is honoured. So the motto to gain Brahma Jnana is 'Give up anger and practise equanimity.'

Brexit to exit: the rise and fall of Johnson

He took Britain out of the EU in January 2020 but has drawn criticism for a host of reasons ever since

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Boris Johnson rode his luck throughout his career, bouncing back from a succession of setbacks and scandals that would have sunk other less popular politicians.

But the luck of a man once likened to a "greased piglet" for his ability to escape controversies finally ran out, after a slew of high-profile resignations from his scandal-hit government.

The departure of Cabinet big hitters Rishi Sunak as Finance Minister and Sajid Javid as Health Secretary on Tuesday weakened the Prime Minister just as he needed allies the most.

His departure comes just three years after he took over from Theresa May in an internal Conservative leadership contest. He called a snap general election that December, winning the biggest Tory parliamentary majority since the heyday of Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s. That allowed him to unblock years of political paralysis after the 2016 Brexit vote, to take Britain out of the European Union in January 2020.

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But he has faced criticism since, from his handling of the coronavirus pandemic to allegations of corruption, cronyism, double standards and duplicity.

Sonia Purnell, Mr. Johnson's former *Daily Telegraph* colleague, suggested that Mr. Sunak and Mr. Javid may have realised what she and others have before them.

Contenders to lead the Tory Party

After a tumultuous 24 hours in British politics, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has agreed to resign after losing 60 Ministers and aides in protest at his leadership

1 Liz Truss, 46: Foreign Secretary is open about her leadership ambitions. Cabinet experience includes serving as Environment and Justice Secretaries.

2 Rishi Sunak, 42: Finance minister, who resigned on July 5, has long been seen as potential party leader.

3 Nadhim Zahawi, 55: Appointed as Finance Minister after Sunak's resignation. Born in Iraq, he emigrated to Britain with his family in 1970s.

4 Sajid Javid, 52: Former Health Secretary has previously run for party leadership twice – in 2016 and 2019.

5 Penny Mordaunt, 49: Trade Minister is a longtime coded critic of Johnson. First entered Parliament in 2010.

6 Jeremy Hunt, 55: Former Health Secretary lost 2019 leadership contest to Johnson. Public gaffes have hurt him in the past.

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"The closer you get to him, the less you like him, and the less you can trust him," she told Sky News.

"He really does let everyone down, at every point he really does mislead you."

Cavalier attitude

Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson had a conventional rise to power for a Conservative politician: first the elite Eton College, then Oxford University. At Eton, his teachers bemoaned his "cavalier attitude" to his studies and the sense he gave that he should be treated as "an exception".

Mr. Johnson's apparent attitude that rules were for other people was amply demonstrated in 2006 when he inexplicably rugby tackled an opponent in a charity game of football. His elastic relationship with the truth was forged at Oxford, where he was president of the Oxford Union, a debating society founded on rhetoric and repartee rather than mastery of cold, hard facts.

After university, he was sacked from *The Times* newspaper after making up a quote, then joined the *Telegraph* as its Brussels correspondent.

From there, he fed the growing Conservative Euroscepticism of the 1990s with regular "euromyths" about supposed EU plans for a federal mega-state threatening British sovereignty. Rivals charged with matching his questionable exclusives described some of his tales as "complete bollocks".

Political opportunism

Mr. Johnson capitalised on his increasingly high profile from Brussels, with satirical television quiz show appearances, newspaper and magazine columns.

He became an MP in 2004, with the Tory leader at the time, Michael Howard, sacking him from his shadow Cabinet for lying about an extra-marital affair.

From 2008 to 2016 he served two terms as Mayor of London, promoting himself as a pro-EU liberal, a stance which he abandoned as soon as the Brexit referendum came about. He became "leave" campaign's figurehead, capitalising on his image as an unconventional but likeable rogue as the quickest route to power. His former editor at the *Telegraph*, Max Hastings, described it as cynical – but not unexpected. Mr. Johnson, he said, "cares for no interest save his own fame and gratification".

On Wednesday, as calls mounted for Mr. Johnson to go, Mr. Hastings wrote in *The Times* that the Prime Minister had "broken every rule of decency, and made no attempt to pursue a coherent policy agenda beyond Brexit". But he was "the same moral bankrupt as when the Conservative party chose him, as shambolic in his conduct of office as in his management of his life".

"We now need a Prime Minister who will restore dignity and self-respect to the country and its governance," he added.

Ukrainian troops killed on Snake Island: Russia

They had landed to raise the Ukrainian flag there

REUTERS
LONDON

Russia's Defence Ministry said a Russian warplane struck and killed an unspecified number of Ukrainian troops on Snake Island in the Black Sea on Thursday after they landed there to raise the Ukrainian flag.

"At about 5 a.m., several Ukrainian servicemen landed on the island from a motor boat and took pictures with the flag. An aircraft of the Russian Aerospace Forces immediately launched a strike with high-precision missiles on Snake Island, as a result of which part of the Ukrainian military personnel was destroyed," Russian Defence Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said.

Andriy Yermak, the Ukrainian President's Chief of Staff, earlier posted a video on Telegram of three soldiers raising a Ukrainian flag on the island, from which Russian forces withdrew on June 30 after coming under heavy bombardment from Ukrainian artillery.

The tiny island, captured by Russia from Ukraine at the start of the war in February, is strategically important because of its proximity to sea lanes close to Ukraine's port of Odessa.

Flying high: Ukrainian service members installing the national flag on Snake Island, Ukraine, on Thursday. • VIA REUTERS

Godfather star James Caan dies

He played Sonny Corleone in the 1972 Coppola classic

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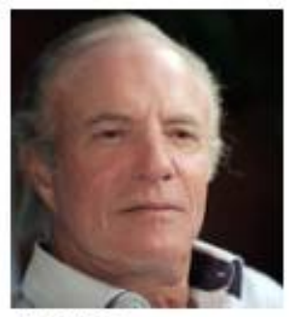
LOS ANGELES

James Caan, the U.S. actor best known for playing Sonny Corleone in *The Godfather*, has died aged 82, his family said on Thursday.

Caan received an Oscar nomination for his tragic portrayal of a mafia family's eldest son in Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 classic.

"It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Jimmy on the evening of July 6," Caan's family said in a tweet posted to his account.

Caan started working as an actor in 1960s Hollywood, with small roles in films by acclaimed directors, including Billy Wilder (*Irma La Douce*), Howard Hawks (*El Dorado*) and Coppola (*The Rain People*).



James Caan

But his turn as hot-tempered Sonny Corleone, whose slaying in a hail of bullets at a toll booth became one of the defining scenes in *The Godfather*, established him as a major actor. He briefly reprised the role in a small cameo for *The Godfather Part II*.

Later standout roles included a violent athlete in Norman Jewison's *Rollerball*, a jewel thief in Michael Mann's *Thief* (1981) and a kidnapped writer in Rob Reiner's *Misery* (1990).

Taliban excavate former leader Mullah Omar's 'getaway car'

They want it to be displayed in the museum

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KANDAHAR

The car used by Taliban founder Mullah Omar to escape being targeted by the U.S. forces after the 9/11 attacks has been excavated in eastern Afghanistan, where it lay buried for more than two decades, officials said.

The white Toyota Corolla was buried in a village garden in Zabul province by former Taliban official Abdul Jabbar Omari, who ordered it to be dug up this week.

"It is still in good condition, only its front is a bit damaged," Rahmatullah Hammad, the director of information and culture of Zabul province, said.

"This vehicle was buried by the mujahideen as a memorial to Omar in 2001 to avoid it being lost," he said.

Taliban media officials published pictures of the car being dug from its vehicular grave by men using hand shovels.

Taliban members digging up the car used by Mullah Omar to escape being targeted by U.S. forces. • AFP

The Taliban want the car to be displayed in the capital's national museum as a "great historical monument", Hammad added.

U.K. says its warship seized Iranian missiles bound for Yemen

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DUBAI

A British Royal Navy vessel seized a sophisticated shipment of Iranian missiles in the Gulf of Oman earlier this year, officials said on Thursday, pointing to the interdiction as proof of Tehran's support for Yemen's Houthi rebels in the embattled country.

The British government statement was striking in that it provided some of the strongest findings to date that Tehran is arming the Houthis against the Saudi-led military coalition with advanced weapons smuggled through the Persian Gulf.

The U.K. Embassy in the United Arab Emirates described the seizure of surface-to-air-missiles and engines for land attack cruise missiles as "the first time a British naval warship has interdicted a vessel carrying such sophisticated weapons from Iran".

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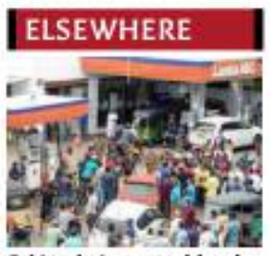

Sri Lanka's central bank raises key rates

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's central bank raised its key interest rates to their highest levels in more than 20 years to try to contain inflation that has added to the country's economic woes. The central bank said it had raised its Standing Deposit Facility Rate by 100 basis points to 14.50%. AP

Diplomat Iran reported 'arrested' has left : U.K.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

Britain on Thursday said a diplomat reported arrested by state media had ended his post and left the Islamic republic more than six months ago. "These reports that our Deputy Ambassador is currently detained are very interesting... He actually left Iran last December, " British Ambassador to Iran Simon Shercliff tweeted.

On Wednesday, Iran's Fars news agency and state television said that the Revolutionary Guards had arrested – on an unspecified date – several foreign diplomats, including British deputy head of mission Giles Whitaker, accusing them of "spying".

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Odisha Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (OUIDF), a wholly owned Trust of Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha invites applications from reputed Consultancy Firms for providing Consultancy Services for **Appointment of Project Management Unit in OUIDF**. Interested firms may download the RFP document from the websites **www.ouidf.in** or **www.urbanodisha.gov.in** and submit the complete RFP Document on or before **22/08/2022 by 4 PM IST** to above mentioned address.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
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The Executive Engineer (Shivajinagar Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Construction of Football Stadium, Construction of Convention Hall, Construction of Primary Health Care Centre at Halasuru in Ward No. 90 and Construction of Education and Skill Development Centre (Library, Computer Training) at Shivajinagar in Ward No. 92. **(Package-01)**	1400.00	**Rs. 15,00,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00** NEFT Remaining **Rs. 14,00,000.00 Lakhs** Bank Guarantee)
2	Construction of Women & Children Welfare Centre at Neharupuram, Construction to Convention Hall and Fitness Centre at HKP Road, Construction to Multipurpose Sports Centre in Ward No. 92, Construction of Women & Children Welfare Centre at Jayamahal in Ward No. 63, Providing Gym Equipment to SR Nagar Gym in Ward No. 110 **(Package-02)**	1600.00	**Rs. 16,00,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00** NEFT Remaining **Rs. 15,00,000.00 Lakhs** Bank Guarantee)
3	Comprehensive Development of Cross Roads, Footpaths at Kodandaram Layout, Cart Street, Thoppe Modaliar Street, Ashoor Khana and Surrounding Area in Ward No. 90 and 91 **(Package-04)**	1000.00	**Rs. 15,00,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00** NEFT Remaining **Rs. 14,00,000.00 Lakhs** Bank Guarantee)
4	Comprehensive Development of Cross Roads and Footpath at Jayamahal Gangabhavani Extension, Marappa Garden, Benson Town, Kargappa Garden, Veerapillai Street and SR Nagar Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 63 and 110 and Improvements to Park in Ward No. 63 **(Package-06)**	1000.00	**Rs. 15,00,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00** NEFT Remaining **Rs. 14,00,000.00 Lakhs** Bank Guarantee)
5	Comprehensive Development of Cross Roads and Footpath at Shivaji Road Cross Road, Madhava Nagara, Broadway Cross Road, New Market, Obedulla Road and Surrounding Area in Ward No. 92 and 93 **(Package-05)**	1000.00	**Rs. 15,00,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00** NEFT Remaining **Rs. 14,00,000.00 Lakhs** Bank Guarantee)
6	Improvements to Drinking Water System in Ward No. 62 63, 93, 110, 90, 91 and 92 **(Package-07)**	500.00	**Rs. 7,50,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00** NEFT Remaining **Rs. 6,50,000.00 Lakhs** Bank Guarantee)

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 15-07-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **20-07-2022 at 12.00 Hrs. noon at Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560052. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted Online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 05-08-2022. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **08-08-2022 at 13.30 Hrs. at Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru (if possible or next working day).** Further details can be had from the above office.

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1. Sealed Tenders are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) or their Authorized Dealer/Agent for purchase of the following equipment for Special Anti-Naxalite Force of Odisha Police under State Budget Grant during the Current Financial Year 2022-23 as listed below. (List separately enclosed as Annexure-A).

Sl.	Name of the equipment / item	Appx. Quantity
1.	Containerised Tubular Shooting Range	01

2. Name of items along with detail Technical Specifications, probable requirements against each item may be seen from the Web site of MSTC LIMITED **i.e.www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocl.** The quantity may vary during indent of the items depending upon budgetary allocation.
3. Date of issue of e-Tender documents from **dtd.6.7.2022.**
4. Last date for receipt of e-Tender on **dtd.5.8.2022 up to 5.00 PM**
5. Date for opening of e-Tenders / Technical Bids on **dtd.6.8.2022 at 11.00 AM**
6. For further clarification, if any, intending bidder may contact the Office of the I.G. of Police (Operations), 5th Floor, Security Wing Building, SIW Campus, Unit-V, Keshari Nagar, Bhubaneswar in his e-mail: igops.orpol@nic.in (Te1.0674- 2533230/2530760)

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Eol No: 7055/CDA **Expression of Interest** Date: 06.07.2022

Proposals are invited For the Development of Kalyan Mandap along with allied facilities on the "Annual License Basis" at Sector-9, Cuttack.

Sealed Proposals are invited from Individual/Developers/ Builders/Firms for undertaking the Development of Kalyan Mandap along with allied facilities on an Annual License Basis over layout plot no.7KM/1397(part) of Sector-9, Cuttack.

CDA shall give permissive possession of the proposed plots for 30 years, to be developed as Kalyan Mandap. Whereas the selected bidder shall construct, develop, operate & maintain the project. The detailed document along with formats and draft agreement is available on the website of CDA i.e. **www.cdacuttack.nic.in.**

Interested Bidders may submit their proposal on or before **Dt.29/07/2022 by 15:00 hrs.** as per the prescribed formats available on the website.

The proposals should be submitted along with a bid document fee of **Rs.11,800/-** (Rupees Eleven Thousand eight hundred only) and with bid security of **Rs.2,00,000/-** (Rupees Two lakhs only) and the proposals shall be submitted through speed post/ courier so as to reach by the above date and time

For any further assistance in this regard or for any clarification w.r.t. this project, the prospective bidder may contact **Shri Narad Chandra Rath, Engineer Member (I/C) CDA on +91-9437180346/ Scheme Officer CDA on +91-9438305766**

Secretary

C.D.A, Cuttack reserves right to accept or reject any application and to annul the selection process at any time, without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

CAD-1047: OIPR-13037/11/0067/2223

Government of Odisha,
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.
E-mail Id: serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

Bid Identification No. Building Tender Online RWCSBP-11 No : 1603 Dated : 05.07.2022

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate Bid from experienced & eligible bidders for 01 (One) no of Building work under OHEPEE for the year 2022-23.

1. **Name of work** : **Building work under OHEPEE for the year 2022-23.**
2. **No of works** : **01(One) no of Building work Details as per DTCN**
3. **Estimated Cost** : **Approximately Rs.156.92 lakhs**
4. **Class of Contractor** : **B & A Class**
5. **Cost of tender paper and mode of deposit** : **Rs.10,000/- per set.(to be deposited On-line) in favour of concerned Executive Engineer**
6. **Mode of submission of tender** : **Tender should be submitted only On line in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in .(https//tendersodisha.gov.in)**
7. **EMD and mode of deposit** : **No. EMD is required but Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in DTCN.**

8. **Summary of Key dates are provided below :**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time for seeking clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	**Building Tender Online - RWCSBP-11/2022-23**	**08.07.2022 at 11.00.A.M.**	**25.07.2022 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**22.07.2022 up to 5.00.P.M.**	**26.07.2022 at 11.00.A.M.**	**To be intimated later**

* Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)**
* Subsequent modification/ corrigendum/Addendum if required shall appear in website only.
* The amount put to bid is exclusive of GST.
* Bidder should inspect the road before bidding and quote his rate accordingly.

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.

Q-593 : OIPR-25091/11/0017/2223

MARKET WATCH

	07-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,178	0.80
US Dollar	79.13	-0.24
Gold	50,551	-1.46
Brent oil	106.28	6.01

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	703.60	9.25
Apollo Hosp	3915.25	31.75
Asian Paints	2891.40	30.00
Axis Bank	658.15	0.20
Bajaj Auto	3795.50	22.45
Bajaj Finserv	11967.35	-61.15
Bajaj Finance	5860.70	-56.00
Bharti Airtel	686.80	-7.15
BPCL	329.40	8.10
Britannia Ind	3810.25	-20.55
Cipla	935.25	-10.15
Coal India	186.00	4.10
Divis Lab	3656.40	11.60
Dr Reddys Lab	4136.45	-53.55
Eicher Motors	2944.20	36.25
Grasim Ind	1374.85	5.20
HCL Tech	989.85	3.25
HDFC	2245.55	16.05
HDFC Bank	1395.80	24.55
HDFC Life	554.60	-2.85
Hero MotoCorp	2839.45	7.65
Hindalco	361.65	20.70
Hind Unilever	2472.95	-25.45
ICICI Bank	742.00	16.05
Indusind Bank	861.00	24.45
Infosys	1498.70	7.05
ITC	291.95	2.65
JSW Steel	574.60	20.05
Kotak Bank	1738.50	34.00
L&T	1611.10	54.95
M&M	1133.30	28.75
Maruti Suzuki	8606.40	-23.65
Nestle India Ltd.	18204.95	-183.70
NTPC	140.45	1.50
ONGC	123.50	2.55
PowerGrid Corp	212.55	2.10
Reliance Ind	2388.10	-21.75
SBI Life	1124.60	8.50
State Bank	486.75	6.80
Shree Cement	20014.60	23.75
Sun Pharma	849.45	11.75
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	754.85	4.90
Tata Motors	430.85	14.50
Tata Steel	900.00	41.85
TCS	3287.85	27.10
Tech Mahindra	1020.75	10.85
Titan	2127.50	113.95
UltraTech Cement	5838.85	10.80
UPL	682.75	20.25
Wipro	420.80	4.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.98	79.30
Euro	80.46	80.79
British Pound	94.71	95.10
Japanese Yen (100)	58.12	58.36
Chinese Yuan	11.78	11.83
Swiss Franc	81.18	81.55
Singapore Dollar	56.38	56.62
Canadian Dollar	60.82	61.09
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.92
Australian Dollar	54.03	54.25

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

HDFC Bank raises MCLR by 20 bps in 3rd increase

MUMBAI

India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Thursday announced a 20 bps increase in its marginal cost of funding based lending rate across all tenors.
This is the third such increase by the lender in as many months since May, and takes the overall quantum of the rate increases to 80 basis points (bps). PTI

Coal-based power generation rises 27%

NEW DELHI

Coal-based power generation increased by 26.6% to 95,880 million units in June, according to official data.
This comes in the wake of several parts of the country witnessing outages in the peak summer months of April and May due to shortage of coal at various thermal plants. Coal-based power generation stood at 75,747 MU in the corresponding month of the previous fiscal, according to the data. PTI

GE Healthcare opens first 5G innovation lab in India

BENGALURU

GE Healthcare, a global medical technology, diagnostics and digital solutions innovator, announced the unveiling of its 5G Innovation Lab in India, the first for the firm across the globe. The 5G Lab was designed to position GE Healthcare at the forefront of ground-breaking advances in patient care, including taking cutting-edge technology to rural and suburban regions, the company said.

SBI General Insurance names Tripathi as MD

MUMBAI

Private non-life insurer SBI General Insurance on Thursday said it had appointed Paritosh Tripathi as MD and CEO, effective July 5. He succeeds P.C. Kandpal, who has been posted as deputy managing director – P&RE at the Corporate Centre, SBI. Mr. Tripathi has more than 32 years of banking experience and has worked in various departments, the insurer said in a release. PTI

'Employee perks free from GST'

CBIC also seeks to spell out enforcement approach for fake invoicing cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has clarified that perks provided by employers to employees are not subject to the Goods and Services Tax (GST), and emphasised that only penalties can be levied in cases involving fake invoices as no goods are supplied.

Tax experts expect the clarification to bring about a reduction in tax demands and arrests in fake invoicing cases, reining in official overreach that has been contested in several courts. The board detailed the clarifications in a series of circulars issued on Wednesday, following up on decisions taken by the GST Council at its meeting last month.

No more grey: The confusion on the applicability of GST on employee perquisites has persisted for a while. • K.V.S. GIRI

The confusion on the applicability of GST on employee perquisites has persisted for a while as transactions between related parties are subject to the tax even where no consideration is involved.

Noting that various representations had been received from field formations seeking clarifications on various issues, including perquisites provided by employers to employees as per contractual agreements, the board concluded that neither services rendered by employees to employers nor perks provided to them would be subject to GST.

This settled the issue in line with industry's contention that perquisites given as part of a contractual agreement between employer and employee would not be liable to GST, noted KPMG tax partner Abhishek Jain.

Separately, the CBIC responded to pleas from businesses as well as tax officials for clarity on demand and penalty provisions under the Central GST law for transactions involving fake invoices.

"No GST can be recovered from the supplier as no supply of goods/ services was involved, however, penalty shall be leviable," Mr. Jain said on the circular's implications. "Further, the recipient should not be penalised under different provisions of the GST law for the same offence," he noted.

RBI measures will help spur overseas fund inflows: Seth

Changes transitory, for a short period, says DEA Secretary

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth on Thursday said the measures taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would increase inflows of overseas funds and help strengthen the rupee against the U.S. dollar.

The RBI had on Wednesday raised the overseas borrowing limits for companies and liberalised norms for foreign investments in government bonds as it announced a slew of measures to boost foreign exchange inflows.

Mr. Seth said RBI's measures were transitory and for a short duration, and would help boost foreign currency flows into the country.

Ajay Seth

The RBI had on Wednesday raised the External Commercial Borrowing limit under the automatic route from $750 million per financial year to $1.5 billion and eased norms for foreign portfolio investments in the debt market. Mr. Seth also expressed hope that the global challenges would subside in the short term.

The central bank had said all capital flows barring portfolio investments remained stable and an adequate level of reserves provided a buffer against external shocks.

Since the war in Ukraine broke out in late February, the RBI has dipped into its foreign exchange reserves to shield the rupee from steep depreciation.

The rupee has depreciated 4.1% against the U.S. dollar during the current financial year up to July 5. However, the dip is modest relative to other emerging markets and even major advanced economies.

'International air traffic at 79% of pre-COVID level'

ICRA flags dip in June domestic traffic

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

International air passenger traffic in the country reached 79% of pre-COVID levels in June, three months after the Centre fully reopened overseas flights, ICRA said in a report.

"The steep ramp-up... is supported by opening of major international destinations, easing of travel restrictions and increase in aircraft capacity deployment," Abhishek Lahoti, senior analyst, Corporate Ratings, ICRA, said.

"ICRA expects international passenger traffic to reach 90-92% of the pre-COVID levels by end of FY23 and cross pre-COVID levels in FY24," he added.

Domestic traffic slid to 91% of pre-COVID levels in June from 98% in April and May, which ICRA said was due to the reopening of schools and reduced leisure travel. Easing of restrictions in Asia is also driving recovery globally. The International Air Transport Association released its global traffic report for May, which showed international traffic at 64% of May 2019 levels.

LIC's new premium dips, sector sees rise

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Life insurance companies witnessed a modest increase of 4.15% in their collective new business premium at ₹31,254.55 crore in June, IRDAI data showed on Thursday.

The 24 life insurance companies had collected premiums worth ₹30,009.48 crore in the year-earlier period.

State-owned LIC – the country's largest life insurer – however, witnessed a decline of 5.29% in new business premium in June at ₹20,643.67 crore, from ₹21,796.28 crore in the year-earlier month, according to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) data.

'RBI moves to stabilise rupee may face economic hurdles'

Headwinds to economy reminiscent of 2013 crisis: analysts

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

The central bank's moves to liberalise foreign exchange inflows are unlikely to offer much immediate support to the floundering rupee as inflation pushes higher and the current account deficit threatens to balloon towards multi-year highs.

The Reserve Bank of India announced a slew of measures on Wednesday to bring in dollars, including allowing overseas investors to buy short-term corporate debt and opening of more government securities under the fully accessible route.

The steps came after the RBI's foreign exchange reserves fell by more than $40 billion over the past nine months, largely due to its intervention in the currency market to curb rupee losses.

Foreign funds have sold more than $30 billion worth of Indian equities so far in 2022

Still, the rupee has depreciated about 6% against the dollar so far this year, and some analysts said headwinds facing the Indian economy were ominously reminiscent of the 2013 taper tantrum crisis: inflation is at multi-year highs, both current and fiscal accounts are under stress, and there are heavy portfolio outflows amid tightening global financial conditions.

With inflation expected to keep pressure on the RBI to raise rates, foreign investors are expected to wait and watch how interest rate differentials with the U.S. play out before starting to reinvest in Indian markets.

"Moves to liberalise FX flows and to boost capital account are helpful, (but) they may not have a material impact on flows," said Madhavi Arora, senior economist with Emkay Global. Foreign funds have sold more than $30 billion worth of Indian equities so far in 2022.

Adding to investors' worries, India's monthly trade deficit shot up to a record of $25.6 billion in June.

Govt. reserves ₹80,000 cr. for States' capex

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Centre has earmarked ₹80,000 crore as interest-free loans for States undertaking capital works in the current fiscal.

In her 2022-23 Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment' scheme under which total financial assistance of ₹1 lakh crore would be given to States in the form of 50-year, interest-free loans for capital investment projects.

Issuing the guidelines for implementing the assistance scheme, the Finance Ministry said ₹80,000 crore was reserved for capital works to be undertaken by the States.

IL&FS told to pay ₹1,925 cr. to creditors

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has directed IL&FS to distribute ₹1,925 crore to its financial creditors from the payments received in connection with the Gurgaon metro project.

The appellate tribunal also made it clear that the distribution of the amount to the lenders will also be subject to the final resolution of the IL&FS companies concerned.

The amount is part of the termination compensation received from two IL&FS subsidiaries and special purpose vehicles - Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon Ltd. and Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon South Ltd. - from Haryana Shehari Vikas Pradhikaran.

'GST e-invoice turnover threshold to dip to ₹5 cr.'

Floor being lowered in phases: Johri

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

GST-registered businesses with annual turnover of more than ₹5 crore will soon have to generate electronic invoices for B2B transactions, a top official said on Thursday.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman Vivek Johri said the GST Council, comprising Finance Ministers of the Centre and States, had decided to implement the proposal in a phased manner and with e-invoices being generated for every B2B (Business-to-Business) transaction, invoice matching by tax authorities would not be required under the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

"We started with a very high threshold and soon we are going to have all tax-

payers with an annual turnover of more than ₹5 crore having to generate e-invoices for their B2B part of business. With the launch of e-invoice, we don't need invoice matching," Mr. Johri said at a event organised by industry body PHDCCI here.

Currently, businesses with turnover of more than ₹20 crore have to generate e-invoices for B2B transactions.

Shriram Transport gets nod for merger plan

'97% investors, 99% creditors approve'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Shriram Transport Finance Co. Ltd. (STFC) has received approval from equity shareholders, and secured and unsecured creditors for its merger with Shriram City Union Finance (SCUF).

About 97% of the equity shareholders, and 99% of the secured and unsecured creditors were in favour of the deal, according to a vote count at the NCLT-convened meeting held on July 4, STFC said in a statement.

The shareholders' and creditors' approvals mark the completion of one of the few remaining conditions for the merger. The company now awaits approval from SCUF's shareholders and creditors, and from the NCLT, the CCI and IRDAI.

Umesh Revankar

The merged entity will be named Shriram Finance. "The merger is an opportunity for Shriram to increase its contribution to India's growing financial needs and build the scale, resilience and diversity to thrive in the new normal," said Umesh Revankar, VC and MD, Shriram Transport Finance Co.

Akasa gets DGCA nod to start flights

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Akasa Air, India's brand-new airline, has received the DGCA's nod to start commercial flights in India.

The aviation safety regulator on Thursday granted Akasa Air its Air Operator's Certificate after the airline performed proving flights.

This marks the completion of all regulatory and compliance requirements for the airline's operational readiness. "We now look forward to opening our flights for sale leading to the start of the commercial operations by late July," said Vinay Dube, Akasa Air's Founder and CEO.

The airline is yet to announce the cities it will fly to, but has said it would be connecting metros with tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

VNR.HSG.18 The Aruppukottai Co-operative Housing Society Ltd.,
No.72, Nehru Nagar, Thiruchuli Road, Aruppukottai-626101. Tamilnadu.
Contact No: 94860 47779. Email.Id: vnrhsg18achs@gmail.com

SITES FOR SALE

Applications are invited through e-Tender Cum Auction for the sale of vacant sites, shops & common places in NGO colony owned by the above co-operative housing society.

The detailed particulars are available by the following website:
https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

Secretary President

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, 12th Main, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru.
No.EE/MLP/TEND/E-PROC/08/2022-23 Date: 06-07-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (KW-4)
(Short Term Tender Notification) (Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the works mentioned in the statement below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Package Amount (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains and other works in Ward No.43, (**Package-1**).	2019.00	20.19
2.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains and other works in Ward No.43, 44 and 68, (**Package-2**).	3607.00	36.07
3.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains and other works in Ward No.67 and 102, (**Package-3**).	2192.00	21.92
4.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains and other works in Ward No.68,74,75 and 102 , (**Package-4**).	3717.00	37.17
5.	Comprehensive Development of Electrical Works, Playground Buildings and other allied works in Ward No.43,44,68,74,67,75 and 102, (**Package-5**).	4015.00	40.15
6.	Comprehensive Development of Building and other works in Ward No.44 and 67, (**Package-6**).	1000.00	10.00

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from : **12-07-2022. (2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **18-07-2022 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer (West), Bhashyam Park, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m. on 30-07-2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical Bids will be opened on : **01-08-2022 at 11:30 a.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, BBMP.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD CIRCLE KOTA
File NO. 921 Date 29-06-2022
Notice Inviting Bid
(NIT No. 04/2022-23)
Bids for one building work at Kota are Invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM of 25.07.2022 (Monday). Other Particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rj.nic.in) of the Rajasthan State. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 345 Lacs.
UBN NO.PWD2223WSOB03120
(R.K. Soni)
Superintending Engineer
P.W.D. Circle Kota
DIPR/C/8958

KERALA STATE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD
KERALA BANK
Head Office, Co-bank Towers, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram - 695033
Notice Inviting Request for Proposal
No. KBIT/PMU/019/2022-23 30-06-2022
Kerala State Co-operative Bank Ltd (Kerala Bank) invites bids under Two Cover System from eligible bidders for Selection of Network System Integrator for setting up WAN connectivity with SD-WAN for the bank. The bid documents may be downloaded and bids submitted through the portal https://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in of the Govt of Kerala.

DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
e-Tender ID	2022_KSCB_497392_1
Date of issue	30-06-2022
Pre-bid meeting	12-07-2022 11.00 am
Last date of submission of Bids	30-07-2022 4.00 pm
Date and time of Opening of Technical bid	01-08-2022 11.00 am
Tender document, Fee, EMD	Please visit: https://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices: K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No.: BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/06/2022-23 Date: 07.07.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender is invited through e-procurement portal for the following items.

Sl. No.	Tender No.& Date	Description	Tender Value Approximate (Rs. In Lakhs)	Last date for bid submission in e-procurement portal
Regular Tender				
1	BMTC/2022/008 Date.07.07.2022	Procurement of ETM Thermal Paper Rolls.	314.00	18.08.2022 at14:30 Hrs
2	BMTC/2022/009 Date.07.07.2022	Procurement of 2K PU Paints.	70.00	27.07.2022 at14:30 Hrs
3	BMTC/2022/010 Date.07.07.2022	Procurement of Computer Stationery	49.00	27.07.2022 at14:30 Hrs

*For more details visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- CONTROLLER OF STORES AND PURCHASES (Tender Inviting Authority)

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Gujarat Resilient Cities Partnership : Ahmedabad City Resilience Project
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
E-Tender Notice 2022-2023

(1) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for works and operation service for Design, Build and Operation of new 375 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant and upgradation of the allied infrastructure including three terminal sewage pump station/s with operation and maintenance for 15 years at Vasna for the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. (Estimated capital cost 697.77 Cr.)
(2) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for works and operation service for Design, Build and Operation with upgradation of existing 240 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant and allied infrastructure including one terminal sewage pump station with operation and maintenance for 15 years at Vasna for the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. (Estimated capital cost 359.90 Cr.)

Online Submission up to :	Date : 08/09/2022 upto 12:00 Hrs.
Date of RFP (Technical Bid) Opening :	Date : 08/09/2022 upto 12:30 Hrs.
Details and tender available on :	www.eprocure.gov.in

Harmanpreet and Pooja help India complete a 3-0 series sweep

The skipper revives the innings in the company of the all-rounder as the Women in Blue post 255 for nine and bowl out Sri Lanka for 216 in the final ODI

Clinical performance: The Indian ODI team, playing for the first time in the post-Mithali era, dominated the hosts throughout the series. • TWITTER@BCCIWOMEN

IND IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PALLEKELE

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and Pooja Vastrakar produced all-round performances as the Indian women cantered to a 39-run victory over a clueless Sri Lanka in the final ODI on Thursday to complete a 3-0 rout.

Harmanpreet (75 off 88 balls and one for 21) and Pooja (56 not out off 65 balls, and two for 32) first bailed the team out with a 97-run seventh wicket stand that took the visitors to a fighting total of 255 for nine.

The bowlers then executed the plans perfectly as the hosts were bowled out for 216 in 47.3 overs with both Harmanpreet and Vastrakar chipping in with crucial breakthroughs.

With nothing to lose, Sri Lankan skipper Chamari Athapaththu won the toss and put India in.

Openers Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana, however, failed to make a big impact. Smriti was the first to go (six off 20 balls), caught behind off an attempted cut off Kavisha Dilhari.

With a half-century under her belt, Shafali, continued her good form getting to 49 off 50 balls with some crisp shots.

Shafali on top

With 155 runs from three matches and an impressive average of 77.50, Shafali finished as the leading run-scorer in the three-match ODI series. With Shafali departing at a crucial juncture, India suddenly had a middle-order collapse and was left tottering at 124 for six before Harmanpreet turned things around in style.

The Indian skipper batted with a lot of responsibility and made the best of the short balls deployed by the Lankan bowlers as she hit seven fours and two massive sixes.

At the other end, Pooja played the support role well.

When Sri Lanka started the chase, skipper Athapaththu (44 off 41 balls) and Hasini Perera (39 off 57 balls) did show positive intent adding 56 for the second wicket, but things went downhill after the home team skipper was dismissed.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Shafali Verma lbw b Rashmi 49 (*50b, 5x4*), Smriti Mandhana c Anushka b Kavisha 6 (*20b*), Yastika Bhatia c Ama b Inoka 30 (*38b, 5x4*), Harleen Deol st. Anushka b Rashmi 1 (*3b*), Deepti Sharma c Hasini b Oshadi 4 (*11b*), Harmanpreet Kaur c Oshadi b Chamari 75 (*88b, 7x4, 2x6*), Richa Ghosh c Chamari b Inoka 2 (*9b*), Pooja Vastrakar (not out) 56 (*65b, 3x6*), Meghna Singh b Chamari 8 (*13b, 1x4*), Renuka Singh b Ama 2 (*3b*), Rajeshwari Gayakwad (not out) 3 (*2b*); Extras (w-17, nb-2): 19; Total (for nine wkts. in 50 overs): 255.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-30 (Smriti, 6.3 overs), 2-89 (Yastika, 17.1), 3-92 (Shafali, 18.3), 4-94 (Harleen, 18.5), 5-118 (Deepti, 23.6), 6-124 (Richa, 26.2), 7-221 (Harmanpreet, 44.6), 8-242 (Meghna, 48.4), 9-251 (Renuka, 49.3).

SRI LANKA BOWLING

Ama 9-0-63-1, Oshadi 9-0-42-1, Kavisha 8-0-30-1, Inoka 10-0-22-2, Rashmi 6-0-53-2, Chamari 8-0-45-2.

SRI LANKA

Vishmi Gunaratne c Rajeshwari b Meghna 3 (*10b*), Chamari Athapaththu c Pooja b Harmanpreet 44 (*41b, 8x4*), Hasini Perera b Rajeshwari 39 (*57b, 3x4*), Kavisha Dilhari st. Yastika b Rajeshwari 12 (*28b*), Harshitha Samarawickrama b Harleen 22 (*28b, 1x4*), Nilakshi de Silva (not out) 48 (*59b, 2x4, 1x6*), Anushka Sanjeewani b Pooja 1 (*4b*), Ama Kanchana st. Yastika b Rajeshwari 2 (*5b*), Oshadi Ranasinghe c Yastika b Pooja 1 (*5b*), Rashmi de Silva b Meghna 18 (*24b, 4x4*), Inoka Ranaweera b Deepti 10 (*24b, 1x4*); Extras (lb-7, w-9): 16; Total (in 47.3 overs): 216.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-7 (Vishmi, 3.2 overs), 2-63 (Chamari, 10.6), 3-99 (Kavisha, 21.1), 4-110 (Hasini, 23.6), 5-146 (Harshitha, 31.4), 6-149 (Anushka, 32.4), 7-152 (Ama, 33.5), 8-155 (Oshadi, 34.6), 9-183 (Rashmi, 40.4).

INDIA BOWLING

Renuka 8-0-33-0, Meghna 7-0-32-2, Deepti 8.3-0-47-1, Rajeshwari 10-0-36-3, Harmanpreet 5-0-21-1, Pooja 7-0-33-2, Harleen 2-1-7-1.

Toss: Sri Lanka.

Player-of-the-Match and Series: Harmanpreet.

India wins by 39 runs, clinches series 3-0.

'Enjoying captaincy due to teammates' support'

Showing intent: Harmanpreet & Co. stayed focused despite the third ODI being a dead rubber. • ICC

P. K. AJITH KUMAR

Harmanpreet Kaur capped an excellent tour – her first since being named as India's ODI captain – with a superb show at Pallekele on Thursday. Her 75 off 88 balls helped the side finish with a score that was good enough to ensure that India swept the ODI series against Sri Lanka 3-0.

She was named the player of the match and the series. She was also the player of the three-match T20I series, which India won 2-1.

Harmanpreet certainly seems to enjoy captaincy. She believes that is because of the support she gets from her players. "I should give credit to all my teammates," she said. "They have been doing well whenever given opportunities and have been coming up with great ideas. Because of them, I was able to enjoy (captaincy)."

Harmanpreet said the team was determined to win Thursday's encounter, as there had been a tendency to lose the last match of a series. "We had a discussion about losing the final match in a series and decided that we should put in a little more extra effort," she said. "You tend to relax a bit in the last match after winning back-to-back games."

About giving her part-time bowlers more overs, she said she wanted players to contribute in any way possible, and not just in the primary roles assigned to them. She also praised the way the seamers responded to the task she gave them.

Hardik powers India to a formidable total in first T20I

Rohit, Suryakumar and Hooda chip in with useful contributions as the Men in Blue finish with 198

INDIA IN ENG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SOUTHAMPTON

Hardik Pandya blasted his maiden Twenty20 International half-century as India scored 198 for eight against England here on Thursday.

In the opening game of the three-match series, Hardik powered to a 50 off 30 balls.

The 28-year-old hit six fours and a towering six off Matt Parkinson before being dismissed for 51.

Fireworks

Hardik's fireworks came after Suryakumar Yadav (39) and Deepak Hooda (33) had set the tone with some flamboyant shots of their own.

India captain Rohit Sharma, back in the side after recovering from COVID-19, elected to bat as the tourists looked to bounce back from their stunning Test loss to England earlier this week.

With the Test team on a well-earned break, Jos Buttler took charge of England for the first time since replacing Eoin Morgan as the country's limited overs skipper.

Rohit and Ishan Kishan took 20 off the first two overs. Moeen Ali refused to be cowed and had Rohit caught by Buttler for 24.

For England, Chris Jordon and Mooen snapped two wickets each. Reece Topley, Tymal Mills and Matt Parkinson picked up a wicket apiece.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Buttler b Moeen 24 (*14b, 5x4*), Ishan Kishan c Parkinson b Moeen 8 (*10b*), Deepak Hooda c Mills b Jordan 33 (*17b, 3x4, 2x6*), Suryakumar Yadav c Buttler b Jordan 39 (*19b, 4x4, 2x6*), Hardik Pandya c Brook b Topley 51 (*33b, 6x4, 1x6*), Axar Patel c Roy b Parkinson 17 (*12b, 3x4*), Dinesh Karthik c Curran b Mills 11 (*7b, 2x4*), Harshal Patel run out 3 (*6b*), Bhuvneshwar Kumar (not out) 1 (*1b*), Arshdeep Singh (not out) 2 (*1b*); Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-6): 9; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 198.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-29 (Rohit, 2.5 overs), 2-46 (Kishan, 4.5), 3-89 (Hooda, 8.4), 4-126 (Suryakumar, 11.4), 5-171 (Axar, 16.4), 6-180 (Hardik, 17.4), 7-195 (Karthik, 19.3), 8-195 (Harshal, 19.4).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Curran 2-0-18-0, Topley 4-0-34-1, Moeen 2-0-26-2, Mills 3-0-35-1, Parkinson 4-0-44-1, Jordan 4-0-23-2, Livingstone 1-0-15-0.

Toss: India.

In full flow: Hardik scored his maiden T20I half-century to take India close to the 200-mark. • GETTY IMAGES

The Tendulkar-Ganguly story

GANGULY 50

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

For three and a half decades, Sachin Tendulkar has seen Sourav Ganguly in various avatars – a precocious teenager, a talented India contender, a stylish batter, a leader and a busy administrator.

But for India's greatest ever batter, what has stood the test of time is their friendship, long after they have both stopped playing international cricket.

As the BCCI president turns 50 on Friday, his opening partner shared many insights into their friendship.

"Sourav was a great captain. He knew how to maintain a balance – between giving freedom to the players and giving them certain responsibilities," Tendulkar said.

"When he took over, Indian cricket was in a transition phase. We needed the next bunch of players who could set a platform for propelling India forward."

The master batter then revealed how, before the 1999 tour of Australia, it was clear to him who was ready to take over in case he decided to step down from captaincy.

"Before stepping down, during India's tour of Australia in which I was the captain, I had suggested that Sourav be made the vice-captain of the team," Tendulkar revealed.

"I had seen him from close quarters, and knew he had the right qualities to take Indian cricket forward. He was a good leader.

"Sourav never looked back and what he has achieved for India is out there for all of us to see."

Standing the test of time: Ganguly and Tendulkar have remained friends long after their retirements. • PTI

CWG organisers reject Tejaswin's late inclusion

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NEW DELHI

High jumper Tejaswin Shankar will not be able to take part in the Commonwealth Games even after winning a case in the Delhi High Court against his exclusion from the Indian athletics team after the Birmingham CWG organisers rejected his late entry.

The organisers have informed the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) that "late athlete replacements (LAR) will only be permitted to compete in events in which the original athlete was entered."

Pogacar takes the lead

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONGWY

Defending champion Tadej Pogacar of the UAE Emirates team launched a blistering attack on a late climb to win stage six of the Tour de France and reclaim the overall leader's yellow jersey on Thursday.

Pogacar was a class above his key rivals Jonas Vingegaard and Adam Yates, who are now 31sec and 39sec behind him in the standings.

It's a Jabeur-Rybakina final

Former ends Maria's hopes; latter swats Halep aside

REUTERS
LONDON

Tunisia's Ons Jabeur lifted the spirits of an entire continent as she became the first Arab and first African woman to reach the Wimbledon final with a rousing 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory over her buddy Tatjana Maria on Thursday.

She will take on Elena Rybakina, who powered into the final by dismantling former champion Simona Halep 6-3, 6-3 with a clinical display to reach her maiden Grand Slam showpiece.

Africa's ambassador

American great Billie Jean King had said Jabeur was "using tennis as a platform to help Tunisia, help Africa and help Arabs" and the 27-year-old did just that as she finally ended the remarkable run of mum-of-two Maria.

Maria dropped serve twice before Jabeur sealed the opening set. However, the 103rd-ranked Maria refused to hand victory away on a platter as she broke for a 3-1 lead in the second and held on to that advantage to draw level.

But Jabeur finally lived up to her World No. 2 billing to run away with the third set.

Halep was caught in the crosshairs of an onslaught from the Russian-born Kazakh, who pummelled her Romanian opponent with rasping serves and savage forehands. The 2019 champion did not help her cause with a string of double faults to hand Rybakina chances at key moments.

Path-breaking: Jabeur has become the first Arab and African woman to make the final at The Championships. • GETTY IMAGES

THE RESULTS

Women: Semifinals: 3-Jabeur (Tun) bt Maria (Ger) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; 17-Rybakina (Kaz) bt 16-Halep (Rou) 6-3, 6-3.

Nadal pulls out with abdominal injury

REUTERS
LONDON

Rafael Nadal's hopes of completing a rare calendar year Grand Slam ended on Thursday when he pulled out of his Wimbledon semi-final showdown with Australian Nick Kyrgios with an abdominal strain.

"I have to pull out of the tournament as I have been suffering with abdominal pain," said the 36-year-old, the holder of a men's record 22 Grand Slam titles.

"I can't imagine winning two matches with this (pain). For me, the most important thing is happiness rather than the title even though everyone knows how much effort I put into this... I can't risk being out of the sport for two to three months. I am very sad."

Nadal had triumphed at the Australian and French Opens this year and had been hoping to complete the calendar-year slam.

Nadal's withdrawal meant that Kyrgios became the first Australian man to reach the final at the All England Club since Mark Philippoussis in 2003.

A scan on Thursday had revealed that the Spaniard had suffered a "seven millimetre" tear in one of his abdominal muscles during his quarterfinal win over Taylor Fritz on Wednesday.

Nadal had turned up for training on Thursday, hitting forehands and backhands.

Breaking news: Nadal revealed that he couldn't imagine winning two matches with the pain. • GETTY IMAGES

Sania bids adieu to Wimbledon

Illustrious career: Sania is India's most accomplished woman player, having won six Grand Slams. • TWITTER@WIMBLEDON

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WIMBLEDON

Trailblazing Indian tennis star Sania Mirza's swansong appearance at Wimbledon ended in a semifinal defeat to defending champions Neal Skupski and Desirae Krawczyk in the mixed doubles event here.

Sania and her Croatian partner Mate Pavic, seeded sixth, went down 6-4, 5-7, 4-6 to Skupski of Great Britain and American Krawczyk in two hours 16 minutes on Wednesday night.

The 35-year-old is India's most accomplished woman tennis player, having won six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies. She was aiming to complete a Career Slam in mixed doubles.

"The tears, fight and the struggle.. the work we put in is all worth it in the end ..it wasn't meant to be this time at Wimbledon but you have been nothing but spectacular its been an honor to play here and win here over the last 20 years ..i will miss you Until we meet again," Mirza tweeted on Thursday.

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Malaysia Open, Sports 18-1 & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 1, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
Wimbledon: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6 p.m.
Formula One: Austrian GP (Sprint qualifying): SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Indian U-17 women lose to Faroe Islands

NEW DELHI

The India U-17 women's football team suffered a 2-4 defeat on penalties against the Faroe Islands, after the match remained goalless in regulation time in Strømmen, Norway, on Thursday. The exposure tour is part of preparation for the upcoming U-17 World Cup. PTI

WFI dissolves three State associations

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) at its recent executive committee meeting dissolved the Karnataka, Maharashtra and Haryana associations and appointed ad-hoc committees to conduct fresh elections and run the day-to-day affairs of these associations.

Athletes aim for their best haul yet

IOA announces a prize of ₹20 lakh for every gold medal winner

C'WEALTH GAMES

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Buoyed by a line up of many sponsors supporting the Indian contingent for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham from July 28 to August 8, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced a prize of ₹20 lakh for every gold medal winner.

In a warm send-off function here on Thursday, where the playing and training kits for the team were also unveiled in the presence of many leading athletes, IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta announced that the silver and bronze medallists would be given ₹10 lakh and ₹7.5 lakh.

In the last edition of the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, India had won 66 medals including 26 gold.

Adidas will provide its latest supernova shoes as the performance footwear partner for the contingent. Maanyavar will offer the ceremonial kit, while Herbalife will be the official nutrition partner.

Raring to go: Indian athletes and officials at the send-off function. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Corporate support

The IOA has roped in JSW Inspire, Amul, Adani and a string of other leading brands to support the 215-strong Indian contingent, which has 107 women athletes.

IOA acting president Anil Khanna said that the "Commonwealth Games has a special place in our heart", as India has been winning big number of medals. He thanked the Union Sports Ministry for the tremendous support in the preparation of the athletes.

Even though shooting has not been included in the current edition, the introduction of women's T20 cricket should be of interest.

With the postponement of the Asian Games in China, the IOA has opted to utilise the time to hold the National Games in Gujarat.

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur expressed confidence that the athletes would play their best, without being under pressure to win the best haul of medals.

Suggestions considered

The sports minister also announced that the suggestions by members of the Mission Olympic Cell, during a meeting earlier in the day, would be considered for implementation, so as to enhance India's performance in the international arena. He reeled off the best performance by Indian athletes across many disciplines since the Tokyo Olympics, and said that the focus was to make India a sports power in the next 10 years or so.

He also touched upon the establishment of the National Sports University in Manipur at a cost of about ₹700 crore, to stress the government's commitment to sports.

Stirring duels on cards

INMRC second round to have 19 races

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

The MRF-MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship moves to the iconic, rebranded Madras International Circuit, Sriperumbudur, near here, for the second round after an action-packed season-opener in Coimbatore last month.

The first round dished out some surprise results, notably a double 1-2 finish by Pacer Yamaha riders in the Pro-Stock 165cc category with Mathana Kumar winning both the races ahead of Prabhu Arunagiri.

The pair virtually overshadowed established and hitherto dominant Petronas TVS Racing and archrivals Idemitsu Honda SK69 Racing teams. The results have injected heightened expectations of stirring duels over the weekend.

In contrast, veteran Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1), who notched up his 10th National title last season, looked imperious in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category, winning both races on a Yamaha R3.

He looks set to further distance himself from the pack in the championship standings.

The 19-race programme this weekend also includes two One-Make Championships organised by promoters Madras Motor Sports Club – celebrating its 70th anniversary – the Petronas TVS One-Make Championship (Open, Rookie and Girls) and the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R and CBR 150, besides Hornet 2.0 as a support race).

Both these One-Make Championships are bubbling with young, talented riders, hailing from all parts of India, who have been provided a platform to showcase their skills.

Prannoy and Sindhu advance

MALAYSIA MASTERS

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KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy cruised into the quarterfinals, while B. Sai Praneeth and P. Kashyap bowed out, at the Malaysia Masters badmionton tournament here on Thursday.

The results (second round):
Men: H.S Prannoy bt Wang Tzu Wei (Tpe) 21-19, 21-16; Li She Feng (Chn) bt B. Sai Praneeth 21-14, 21-17; Anthony Ginting (Ina) bt P. Kashyap 21-10, 21-15.
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Zhang Yi Man (Chn) 21-12, 21-10.

Covid blow for Lanka

Four players laid low by infection

AUS IN SL

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GALLE

Sri Lanka has suffered a huge blow in its bid to square the two-Test series against Australia after four cricketers tested positive for COVID-19 and had to be replaced.

In coronavirus tests on Wednesday, three players from the first Test were positive: leg-spinner Jeffrey Vandersay, fast bowler Asitha Fernando, and all-rounder Dhananjaya de Silva. Left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrama was already in isolation after testing positive earlier in the week.

They were ruled out of the second Test starting on Friday at Galle Stadium. Vandersay made his debut in the first Test which Australia won by 10 wickets in three days last week.

Sri Lanka added spinners Prabath Jayasuriya, Maheesh Theekshana, Lakshan Sandakan and Dunith Wellalage to the squad and two of them are expected to partner Ramesh Mendis, who played in the first Test.

Apart from Sandakan, whose last Test was in 2018, the other new additions are yet to play a Test.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Easy for Canara Bank

Canara Bank defeated AGORC 3-1 in the Hockey Karnataka league championship here.
The results: Canara Bank 3 (Nikkin Thimmaiah 13, Pruthvi Raj 22, K.S. Appanna 55) bt AGORC 1 (Naeem 56).

Bishop Cotton and St. Joseph's post wins

Bishop Cotton and St. Joseph's BHS notched up victories in the Cottonian Shield under-16 cricket tournament here.
The scores: Carmel HS 155/5 in 20 overs (A. Mohnish 58 n.o., S. Siddhanth 28) lost to Bishop Cotton 156/6 in 19 overs (S.H. Samarth 59 n.o., Sourish Rao 26).
Gopal National School drew with Baldwin (match abandoned due to rain).
St. Joseph's 128/5 in 13 overs (G. Nitish 34, S. Krishav 33, D. Vivan 27, Vedant Kumar 26/3) bt Ebenezer IS 111/4 in 13 overs (Arnav Sharma 33, S.J. Aadharsh 28, Arjun Mishra 25 n.o.).

Prahas' unbeaten 174 to no avail

Prahas Nairy's unbeaten 174 went in vain as Dooravani Cricketers (I) lost to Social Cricketers in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.
The scores: Dooravani Cricketers (1) 315/9 in 50 overs (Prahas Nairy 174 n.o., Parva Virat 33, R. Kaushik 25) lost to Social Cricketers 316/6 in 50 overs (K.N. Anish 29, Shashank Reddy 51, Darun Reddy 37, Keerthi Vardhan 100 n.o., S. Manjunath 30, Vinay Kumar 31); Jawans 330/8 in 50 overs (Rohan Revankar 59, M. Arsalaan 134, Shashank Krishnamurthy 68, Shane Ryan 31, Rishab Navarathan 3/61) bt Neptune 116 in 29 overs (Rishab Navarathan 46, Karan 6/50).
Cambridge 194 in 48 overs (Nitesh Gowda 77, Rishabh Agarwal 49 n.o., Dhruv Vasu 4/24) lost to Friends Union (2) 195/1 in 32.3 overs (Vishnu Viran 81 n.o, Vedanth Iyer 88 n.o.); Jupiter CA 174 in 35.1 overs (A. Abhishek 40, M.N. Nischal 32, S. Monish 32, S. Agastya 3/37) lost to Bangalore United (1) 177/1 in 29.4 overs (A. Yuvraj 83 n.o., Rishikesh 29, Yashovardhan Parantap 51 n.o.).
Mount Joy 368/4 in 50 overs (R. Suhas 138, Smaran Ramesh 113, Varun Annadani 41, Pranam Achar 25 n.o.) drew with Visweswarapuram (2) 21 for no loss in 3.1 overs (match abandoned due to heavy rain)
Vultures 264 in 46.2 overs (Gyan Somaiah 35, Shreyank Sagar 81, K.P. Karthikeya 30, Ansh Aima 34 n.o., B. Vishwesh 3/26, Siddhant Pathak 3/36) bt Coles 184/9 in 49.4 overs (Srey Kabolu 53, Vedant Kini 26, Shikhar Shetty 3/26, N. Samarth 3/35); Lions 224/9 in 50 overs (Sanmay Rudrawadi 42, Harshith Raj 38, N. Preetham 38 n.o., Sidhanth Sudheer 3/49) lost to Jolly Cricketers 226/5 in 37.1 overs (Arnav Mishra 124 n.o., Ishaan Chugh 30).

Sanjana too good for Sonia

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sanjana of Delhi defeated Karnataka's Soraisam Sonia Devi 5-0 in the women's 45-48kg category of the National youth boxing on Thursday.

The results: Women (minimum weight 45kg-48kg): Teyjosini (Ben) bt Sujuma Boro (Asm) RSC, round one; Priya (HP) bt Aper (AR) 5-0; Sanjana (Del) bt Soraisam Sonia Devi (Kar) 5-0; Askhata Rathod (Goa) lost to Rat Rani (Bih) 0-5.
Light-fly (48kg-50kg): Shikha Negi (Chd) lost to Kusum (UP) 0-5; V.P. Theja (Ker) lost to Rudha Rathod (Goa) RSC, round two; Riya Soni (Cht) lost to Simran Verma (Mah) RSC, round three.

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